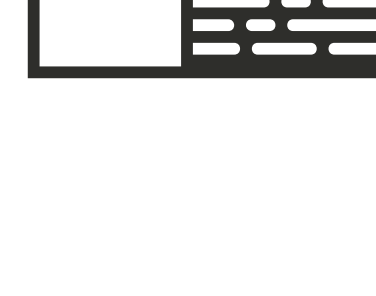


TOOLBOX TALKS



SPILL CONTROL

WHAT?

Accidental releases of oils and chemicals from construction sites make up a large number of pollution incidents that occur each year, polluting water courses and contaminating land and groundwater.

Many spillages can be prevented. It is important that everyone on site knows how to control a spill to minimise its impact.

What substances do we use that could cause harm if spilled? Fuel, oils, paints, solvents, antifreeze, concrete.

WHY?

MINIMISE POTENTIAL HARM:

Spills spread very quickly and lead to environmental harm.

AVOID PROSECUTION:

Fines and clean up costs can be expensive and even individuals can be held responsible.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Avoid negative publicity for the company and our clients and maintain our workload.

DO

STOP WORK immediately

If spillage is flammable, extinguish all possible ignitions

Identify the source of pollution and rectify the problem

Contain the spillage – on land use earth/sand to construct a bund around the spill to stop it spreading. Use booms to contain oil spills that have already entered a watercourse

Contact your Line Manager

Put on appropriate PPE – typically rubber gloves

Protect sensitive areas (e.g. watercourses or surface water drains – use drain covers or use earth/sand to construct a bund)

Clean up the spill. Use absorbent granules/pads to mop up spills. Large pools of oil or spills which cannot be absorbed should be removed by gulper

Dispose of all contaminated materials (soil/absorbent materials) correctly – those containing substances such as oil, diesel or paint will be hazardous waste. Ensure any contaminated water is taken to an appropriately licensed disposal site

Notify your line manager of actions taken

DON'T

DON'T ignore it! **STOP WORK** and **ACT** immediately

DON'T hide the incident – ensure you report it and implement controls

DON'T ever hose a spill into the drainage system. Always use absorbent materials

STOP SOURCE

PREVENT SPREAD

CLEAN-UP SAFELY

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