



In Case of Hazardous Material Exposure or Spill

Hazardous chemicals or materials are carried most often by train, but there may be stationary holding tanks in your area that contain hazardous materials. Depending on the chemical or material involved, the danger can be confined to a small area or can travel for mile via air and wind. For this reason, all spills are dangerous to people in the vicinity.

- If you see an event, call 911. When reporting, be as specific about the event as possible and state the location as well as where you are calling from.
- If you can see the diamond-shaped sign on the side of the container and can read its number, relay that information and any other information on the sign.
- If you can only see the color of the sign, relay that to the dispatcher. Signs usually carry an identifying icon, such as a flame and a skull and crossed bones to denote poison.
- As a precaution, turn off any appliance that may emit a spark and so not use any appliance until told it is safe to do so
- Stay indoors and close all windows and doors. Turn off A/C as this brings in air from the outside. Stay inside until you are told it is safe to leave
- Anyone who may be contaminated by the spill should avoid contact with others as much as possible
- If you are injured but ambulatory and drive yourself to the hospital, **IMEDIATELY** inform the Emergency Department Staff about the possible contamination