



CHEMICAL SPILL RESPONSE

Essential Safety Actions Checklist

FireRescue | Home Emergency Protocol | Follow steps in order

WARNING: IF LIFE-THREATENING — CALL 000 IMMEDIATELY

01 STEP 1: IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

- Stay calm — do NOT panic**
Panic leads to mistakes; think clearly
- Alert everyone in the area**
Shout or use alarm — clear the room
- Do NOT touch the chemical**
Skin/eye contact causes serious injury
- Evacuate the immediate area**
Move upwind and away from the spill
- Close doors behind you**
Contain fumes and vapors in the room

02 STEP 2: PROTECT YOURSELF

- Cover nose & mouth if needed**
Use a damp cloth if no mask available
- Do NOT eat, drink or smoke**
Chemical contamination is invisible
- Remove contaminated clothing**
Strip off outer clothes immediately
- Wash exposed skin with water**
Flush with clean water for 15+ minutes
- Remove contact lenses if worn**
Then flush eyes with water for 15 min

03 STEP 3: VENTILATE THE AREA

- Open windows and doors**
Only if SAFE to re-enter briefly
- Turn off HVAC / air systems**
Prevent spreading fumes through ducts
- Do NOT use fans indoors**
May spread vapors to other rooms
- Stay low if smoke/fumes present**
Cleaner air is near floor level

04 STEP 4: IDENTIFY THE CHEMICAL

- Locate the product label/SDS**
Safety Data Sheet has critical info
- Note chemical name & quantity**
Required info for emergency services
- Do NOT sniff to identify it**
Toxic fumes can be odorless
- Photograph label from a distance**
Use zoom — don't get too close
- Check for reactivity warnings**
Water-reactive chemicals need dry response

05 STEP 5: CALL FOR HELP

- Call Poison Control immediately**
Australia Poison Info: 13 11 26
- Call fire brigade if large spill**
Chemical fires need specialist response
- Describe the chemical clearly**
Name, amount, location, exposure details
- Follow dispatcher instructions**
Do exactly what they tell you to do
- Note time spill occurred**
Critical for medical treatment decisions

06 STEP 6: AFTER THE INCIDENT

- Do NOT re-enter until cleared**
Wait for professional all-clear
- Seek medical attention if exposed**
Even if symptoms seem minor
- Document what happened**
Write down timeline and chemicals
- Dispose of waste per guidelines**
Never pour chemicals down the drain

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