

Spills and environmental protection

About 5 minutes · Read it out, then ask the questions at the end.

Why it matters. Fuel, oil and chemical spills can pollute drains, rivers and ground. Clean-up is costly and pollution is an offence.

The hazards

- Refuelling spills
- Leaking plant and containers
- Washing out into drains
- Waste stored badly

Stay safe

- Store fuels and chemicals in bunded areas
- Use drip trays under plant and containers
- Know where the spill kits are and how to use them
- Stop the source of a spill if safe, contain it and report it
- Never wash concrete, paint or chemicals into drains
- Put waste in the right skip

Ask the team

1. Where are the spill kits?
2. Which drains on site lead to watercourses?
3. What do you do if you see a spill?

The law and guidance

Environmental Protection Act 1990; Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations 2002.

General guidance to help you give a toolbox talk. It doesn't replace your site's risk assessments, method statements, permits or training. Check it against your own site rules before you give it.

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