

# When a spill strikes...

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## Assess the risk



From the moment a spill occurs and throughout the response, determine the risks that may affect human health, the environment and property. Always put safety FIRST. If possible, identify the spilled material and determine how much was spilled.

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## Select personal protective equipment (PPE)

Choose the appropriate PPE to safely respond to the spill. Consult Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and literature from chemical and PPE manufacturers for the best recommendations. If you are uncertain of the danger and the material is unknown, assume the worst and use the highest level of protection.



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## Confine the spill



Use PIG Socks and Booms to stop the flow of the liquid before it contaminates a water source. Use nonabsorbent barriers like the SpillBlocker Dike and DrainBlocker Drain Cover to confine and direct liquids, minimize the spill area and protect drains.

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## Stop the source

After liquid is confined, stop the source of the spill. This may simply involve turning a container upright or plugging a damaged drum or container. PIG Repair Putty, barrel patches and cone plugs are effective at stopping leaks. Transfer liquids from the damaged container to a new one.



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## Evaluate the incident and implement cleanup



When the spill is confined and the leak has been stopped, reassess the incident and begin the cleanup. Place PIG Pillows and PIG Mat Pads throughout the spill area to absorb the remainder of the spill. Unused absorbents are not hazardous, but absorbents that are saturated with oils, solvents, etc., may be considered hazardous waste and should be disposed of properly.



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## Decontaminate

Effective decontamination ensures the health and safety of emergency responders. You may also need to decontaminate the site and equipment by removing or neutralizing hazardous materials or dispose of media, such as soil, that was exposed during the spill incident.



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## Complete required reports

Failure to complete all notifications and paperwork required for reporting spill incidents can result in severe penalties. Make sure you document the incident properly to make the final paperwork easier.

