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GUIDEBOOK

FOR

INITIAL RESPONSE TO
HAZARDOUS
MATERIALS
INCIDENTS

READ INSTRUCTIONS
ON FIRST PAGE



WHEN APPROACHING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING ANY CARGO (NOT ONLY REGULATED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS):

- APPROACH INCIDENT FROM AN UPWIND DIRECTION, IF POSSIBLE
- MOVE AND KEEP PEOPLE AWAY FROM INCIDENT SCENE
- DO NOT WALK INTO OR TOUCH ANY SPILLED MATERIAL
- AVOID INHALING FUMES, SMOKE AND VAPORS EVEN IF NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE INVOLVED
- DO NOT ASSUME THAT GASES OR VAPORS ARE HARMLESS BECAUSE OF LACK OF SMELL

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

- FIND OUT WHO IS IN CHARGE WHEN YOU ARE INVOLVED IN AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTION
- AN ON-THE-SCENE LEADER SHOULD BE DESIGNATED WHEN MORE THAN ONE PERSON IS INVOLVED IN AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACTION
- PRIOR DESIGNATION OF AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND STRUCTURE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO AVOID CONFUSION AND MISDIRECTION AT THE SCENE.

PLANNING

This Guidebook is intended to assist FIRST RESPONDERS in making informed judgments during the initial phases of a transportation incident involving hazardous materials. It is not to be used as a substitute for a specific plan developed by a local planning committee or a state planning commission for response to hazardous materials incidents. Further, the Guidebook does not provide information or tools to perform detailed hazards analysis or emergency planning as required by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (SARA Title III). For assistance in complying with the requirements of that Act, a publication entitled "Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Guide" (NRT-1) will be of assistance in establishing a plan for your community. In addition, a publication tentatively titled "Technical Guidance For Hazards Analysis Emergency Planning For Extremely Hazardous Substances" was under development at the time this Guidebook was published. When completed, the methods and values used in the new publication may produce evacuation distances which differ from some of the evacuation distances in this Guidebook. These differences will be adjusted in future editions. For a copy of NRT-1 and technical guidance for hazards analysis, you should write to

POSSIBLE MULTIPLE HAZARDS OF POISONOUS & IRRITATING MATERIALS:

1. Inhalation, absorption, ingestion
2. Container rupture
3. Contamination of water
4. Flammability



POSSIBLE MULTIPLE HAZARDS OF CORROSIVE MATERIALS:

1. Contact or inhalation destroys tissue
2. Violent ruptures
3. Oxidizers
4. Splatter in contact with water
5. Toxic or thermally unstable



POSSIBLE HAZARDS OF DANGEROUS PLACARDS:

1. Mixed loads
2. Large amounts shipped together
3. Possibility of several hazards together



POSSIBLE MULTIPLE HAZARDS OF AN ETIOLOGIC AGENT:

1. Inhalation, absorption, ingestion
2. Contaminate environment



POSSIBLE MULTIPLE HAZARDS OF COMPRESSED GAS:

1. BLEVE
2. Combustion explosion
3. Asphyxiation
4. Toxicity or corrosiveness
5. Frostbite
6. Move along ground to ignition source
7. Reactivity



POSSIBLE MULTIPLE HAZARDS OF FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS:

1. Fire
2. BLEVE
3. Combustion explosion
4. Toxicity or corrosiveness
5. Reactivity (may react with other substances)
6. Move along ground to ignite
7. Contaminate water supply



POSSIBLE MULTIPLE HAZARDS OF FLAMMABLE SOLIDS:

1. Ignite easily & burn explosively
2. Air reactive
3. Water reactive
4. Spontaneously combustible
5. Toxicity & corrosiveness



POSSIBLE MULTIPLE HAZARDS OF EXPLOSIVES:

1. Blast overpressure & shock waves
2. Scattering fragments
3. Additional fires



POSSIBLE MULTIPLE HAZARDS OF OXIDIZERS:

1. Supply oxygen
2. Sensitive to heat, shock, friction
3. React with organic matter spontaneously
4. Form ignitable mixture



POSSIBLE MULTIPLE HAZARDS OF ORGANIC PEROXIDES:

1. Highly flammable
2. Sensitive to heat, shock, friction
3. Release heat
4. Toxic
5. S.A.D.T. — self accelerating decomposition temperature

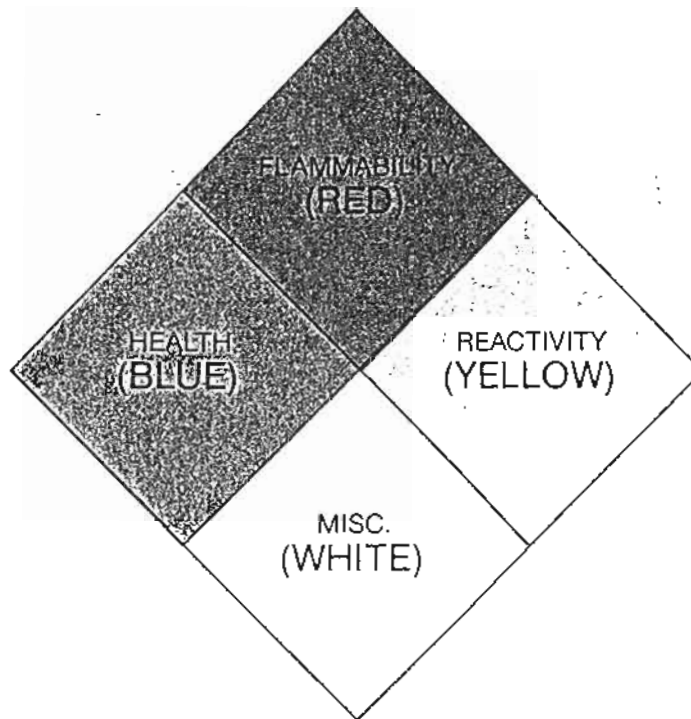


POSSIBLE MULTIPLE HAZARDS OF RAMs:

1. External — internal
2. Contamination — smoke, steam, water runoff
3. Fire may melt lead shielding



NFPA SYSTEM OF IDENTIFICATION FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (704M)



HEALTH

- 4 - TOO DANGEROUS TO ENTER VAPOR
- 3 - EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. USE FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING
- 2 - HAZARDOUS - USE BREATHING APPARATUS
- 1 - SLIGHTLY HAZARDOUS
- 0 - LIKE ORDINARY MATERIAL

FLAMMABILITY

- 4 - EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE
- 3 - IGNITES AT NORMAL TEMPERATURES.
- 2 - IGNITES WHEN MODERATELY HEATED
- 1 - MUST BE PREHEATED TO BURN
- 0 - WILL NOT BURN

REACTIVITY

- 4 - MAY DETONATE. VACATE AREA IF IN ADVANCED STAGES OF FIRE.
- 3 - STRONG SHOCK OR HEAT MAY DETONATE. USE MONITORS FROM BEHIND EXPLOSION RESISTANT BARRIERS.
- 2 - VIOLENT CHEMICAL CHANGE POSSIBLE - USE HOSE STREAMS FROM DISTANCE.
- 1 - UNSTABLE IF HEATED. USE NORMAL PRECAUTION
- 0 - NORMALLY STABLE

MISCELLANEOUS: Used for special situations; e.g.

W- Use water with caution

P- Material may self-react or polymerize

☢ Radioactivity

OXY- Oxidizing agents

MATERIAL TOXIC BY INHALATION

Acetone cyanohydrin	Gas identification kit	Sulfuryl fluoride
Acrolein, inhibited	Germane	Tear gas devices (> 2% tear gas substances)
Acrylonitrile, inhibited	Hexaethyltetraphosphate and compressed gas mixtures	Tellurium hexafluoride
Allyl alcohol	Hexafluoroacetone	Tetraethylthiopyrophosphate and gases
Allylamine	Hydrogen bromide, anhydrous	Tetraethyl lead, liquid
Ammonia anhydrous	Hydrogen chloride, anhydrous	Tetraethyl pyrophosphate and compressed gas mixture
Arsenic trichloride	Hydrogen chloride, refrigerated liquid	Thia-4 pentanal
Arsine	Hydrogen cyanide, anhydrous	Thiophosgene
Boron trichloride	Hydrogen selenide, anhydrous	Titanium tetrachloride
Boron trifluoride	Hydrogen sulfide, liquefied	Trimethyl chlorosilane
Bromine	Insecticide gases, toxic, n.o.s.	Trimethoxy silane
Bromine chloride	Iron pentacarbonyl	Tungsten hexafluoride
Bromine pentafluoride	Isopropyl chloroformate	Xylyl bromide
Bromine trifluoride	Methacrylonitrile, inhibited	
Bromoacetone	Methoxymethyl isocyanate	
sec-Butyl chloroformate	Methylamine, anhydrous	
n-Butyl isocyanate	Methyl bromide	
tert-Butyl isocyanate	Methyl bromide and ethylene dibromide mixtures, liquid	
Carbon dioxide and ethylene oxide mixtures	Methyl chloride	
Carbon monoxide, cryogenic	Methyl chloroformate	
Carbon monoxide gas	Methyl chloromethyl ether	
Carbon monoxide and hydrogen mixture	Methyl chlorosilane	
Carbonyl fluoride	Methyl dichloroarsine	
Carbonyl sulfide	Methyl dichlorosilane	
Chlorine	Methylene isocyanate	
Chlorine pentafluoride	Methyl hydrazine	
Chlorine trifluoride	Methyl isocyanate	
Chloroacetic acid	Methyl isothiocyanate	
Chloro acetonitrile	Methyl mercaptan	
Chloroacetophenone, liquid	Methyl orthosilicate	
Chloropicrin	Methylphosphonic dichloride	
Chloropicrin/Methyl bromide	Methylphosphonous dichloride	
Chloropicrin/Methyl chloride	Methyltrichlorosilane	
Chloropicrin mixtures, n.o.s.	Nickel carbonyl	
Chloropivaloyl chloride	Nitric acid, fuming	
Coal gas	Nitric oxide	
Compressed or liquefied gases, flammable, toxic, n.o.s.	Nitric oxide and nitrogen tetroxide mixtures	
Compressed or liquefied gases, toxic, n.o.s.	Nitrogen dioxide, liquefied	
Crotonaldehyde, stabilized	Nitrogen trifluoride	
Cyanogen, liquified	Nitrogen trioxide	
Cyanogen bromide	Nitrosyl chloride	
Cyanogen chloride	Nitrous oxide, compressed	
Cyclohexyl isocyanate	Nitrous oxide, refrigerated	
Diborane	tert-Octyl mercaptan	
Dichlorodifluoromethane and ethylene oxide mixture	Organic phosphate mixed with compressed gas	
Dichlorosilane	Oxygen difluoride	
3,5 Dichloro-2,4,6 trifluoropyridine	Parathion and compressed gas mixture	
Dimethylamine, anhydrous	Perchloro methylmercaptan	
Dimethyldichlorosilane	Perchloryl fluoride	
Dimethyl hydrazine, unsymmetrical	Phenyl carbylamine chloride	
Dimethyl hydrazine, symmetrical	Phenyldichloroarsine	
Di-n-amylamine	Phenyl isocyanate	
Di-(n-butyl) amine	Phenyl mercaptan	
Dimethyl phosphorochloridothioate	Phenyl trichlorosilane	
Diphenylchloroarsine	Phosgene	
Epichlorohydrin	Phosphine	
Ethyl chloride	Phosphorus oxychloride	
Ethyl chloroformate	Phosphorus pentafluoride	
Ethyl chlorothioformate	Phosphorus trichloride	
Ethyl dichloroarsine	n-Propyl chloroformate	
Ethylene chlorohydrin	Selenium hexafluoride	
Ethylene dibromide	Silicon tetrafluoride	
Ethyleneimine	Stibine	
Ethylene oxide	Sulfur dioxide, liquefied	
Ethyl fluoride	Sulfur tetrafluoride	
Ethyl isocyanate		
Ethyltrichlorosilane		
Fluorine, gas		
Furan		

Materials added

Allyl chloroformate
n-Butyl chloroformate
Chloroacetone, stabilized
Chloroacetophenone, solid
Chloroformates (not all mixtures)
Diketene
Dimethyl thiophosphoryl chloride
Diphenylamine chloroarsine
Ethyl phosphonothioic dichloride, anhydrous
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene
Nitric acid, with more than 70% nitric acid
Pentaborane
Sulfur chloride (mono)
Sulfur trioxide
Tetranitromethane
Thionyl chloride

Materials

which data are inconclusive:

Acrylonitrile, inhibited
Dimethyldichlorosilane
Methyl dichlorosilane
Methyl trichlorosilane
Phenyl trichlorosilane
Trimethyl chlorosilane

Materials which may be toxic by inhalation but are not designated as such by Special Provision 10 in the § 172.101 Table:

Chloropicrin mixtures, n.o.s.
Chlorosulfonic acid
Cumyl hydroperoxide
Ethyl phosphonous dichloride
Hydrazine
Hydrobromic acid, greater than 49% concentration
Isophorone diisocyanate
Methyl fluoride
Methyl parathion
Nitrocresol
Phosphorous pentachloride
Phosphorous pentoxide
Pivaloyl chloride
Propyl trichlorosilane
Sulfuric acid, fuming
Sulfuryl chloride
Tetraethyl dithiopyrophosphate
Thionyl chloride
Tributyl amine
Trimethyl acetyl chloride
Vanadium oxytrichloride