

WHAT?

Accidental releases of oils and chemicals from construction sites make up a large number of pollution incidents that occur each year.

Many spillages can be prevented. It is important that everyone on site knows how to control a spill to minimise its impact.

Would you know what to do?



WHY?

- **Minimise potential harm:** Spills spread very quickly and lead to environmental harm.
- **Avoid prosecution:** Fines and clean up costs can be expensive
- **Public relations:** Avoid negative publicity for the company and our clients and maintain our workload.



DO	DON'T
✓ Ensure a Spill Response Plan has been developed (HS&S-FRM-E04-01) and communicated. ✓ Ensure those trained to act as spill responders are familiar with HS&S-BPG-E04-101; Spill Response Planning & Control. ✓ If a spill occurs, STOP WORK immediately. ✓ If spillage is flammable, extinguish all possible ignitions. ✓ Identify the source of pollution and stop the flow, if it is safe to do so! ✓ Contain the spillage – on land use earth / sand to construct a bund around the spill to stop it spreading. Use booms to contain a spill that has already entered a watercourse. ✓ Protect sensitive areas (e.g., watercourses or surface water drains – use drain covers or use earth/sand to construct a bund). ✓ Clean up the spill, use absorbent granules / pads to mop up spills. ✓ Call the GT Spill Response contractor (refer to Spill Response Plan) if the spill is too large to handle with the on-site spill kit. ✓ Dispose of all contaminated materials as hazardous / special wastes. Ensure any contaminated waters are taken to an appropriately licensed disposal site.	✗ DON'T ignore it! STOP WORK and ACT immediately. ✗ DON'T hide the incident – ensure you report it and implement controls.  ✗ DON'T ever hose a spill into the drainage system. Always use absorbent materials.