

# OIL SPILL RESPONSE

All Workplace employees having a role in managing or maintaining oil containing devices must be able to initiate an appropriate oil spill response.

## Oil Spill Response:

### 1. Assess the severity of the situation

- Determine if the situation is immediately hazardous to your well-being, evacuate if in danger.
- For large spills that can reach a drain or catch basin, immediately call the Operations Centre.
- If situation allows, quickly cover/block the floor drain/ catch basin with a drain cover, boom, speedy dry, etc.

### 2. Contain Small Incidental Spills

- Contain spill without endangering self or others.
- Block storm drains and floor drains/openings to prevent spilled material from reaching
- Ensure the area is properly ventilated

### 3. Small Spill Clean Up

- Wear the Proper Protective Equipment (safety goggles, oil resistant gloves, etc)
- Use absorbent materials to clean spill (pads, speedy dry, etc)

### 4. Manage the Contaminated Waste Appropriately

- Store contaminated materials/waste from the clean-up in appropriate covered buckets or drum with a secured lid
- Affix a Harvard Hazardous Waste label on the container (except cooking oil)
- If the contaminant is 1 gallon or less of cooking oil and is completely absorbed, it is acceptable to dispose of with normal waste
- For waste pick-up contact EHSEM

## Oil Spill Prevention:

- All waste oil containers need to be placed in/on secondary containment that has a storage capacity of 110% of the container size.
- Perform monthly inspections on all oil containing devices that have a capacity of 55 gallons or greater.
- Know where all spill kits are located in your facility and take time to ensure they are properly stocked.

## Group Discussion Topics:

- Identify any past spill situations and how they were handled.
- Are there any oil containing devices that pose a greater risk than others for a potential spill/release?



**Floor Drains- use speedy dry, booms or drain covers to prevent oil from entering drains**



**Storm Drains- Frequently check hydraulic lines for trash compacters that are**