

Wanda wonders about the importance of preparing for an emergency.



# Environmental Messenger

Take Time to Plan

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE-AWARENESS

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Taking time to know your facility's emergency response plan will save time, protect health, safety and the environment.

Understanding your role in an emergency is vital to successfully manage an incident. It is important to have an emergency response plan to outline roles and responsibilities relating to emergency response.

The goal of the emergency response plan is to:

- ensure the safety of workers, responders & the public
- reduce the magnitude of environmental impacts
- reduce the potential for damage to property and product
- assist emergency responders
- reduce recovery time
- inspire confidence in staff, industry and the public

Do you know where emergency response equipment is kept?

- first aid kit ■ fire extinguisher ■ spill kit ■ nearest phone or radio ■ the emergency generator



### Questions

What emergencies could you face at your facility?

What emergency response equipment do you have to deal with those emergencies?

Where do you find your emergency response equipment?

What is your role in an emergency response?

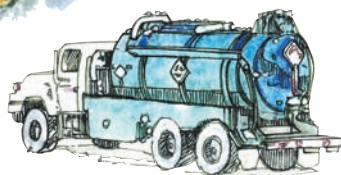
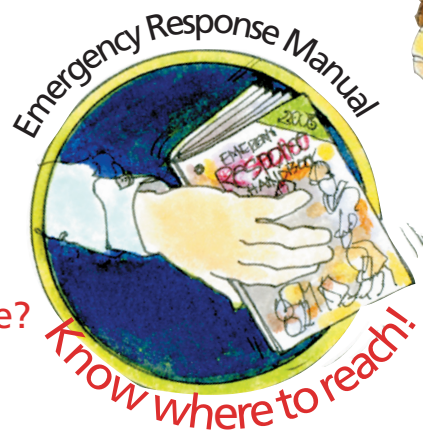
Who would you call for help to respond to those emergencies?

How could you improve your ability to respond to an emergency?

### Do you know:

- how to use the emergency response equipment?
- how to notify people in the event of an emergency?
- where to evacuate to?
- who to call?
- how to get help?
- where your emergency response manual is kept?
- your role in an emergency?

Are you prepared for that role?



UNDERSTANDING YOUR ROLE IN AN EMERGENCY IS VITAL TO SUCCESSFULLY MANAGE AN INCIDENT.

When you are in a new location take some time to familiarize yourself with where you are and think about what you might do should an emergency arise.

Imagine how much better prepared you will be if you take time now to understand your plan for an emergency.

If you don't know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else.

Yogi Berra



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