

Workplace Safety

# Minimize The Impact of Dangerous Spills

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## What Is An Emergency Spill?

Under the wrong circumstances, any spill can be considered an emergency.

OSHA defines an emergency spill as:

- One in which there are high levels of harmful substances that could injure workers
- One that could cause a fire or explosion
- One that significantly impacts air quality in the facility
- One that requires workers to evacuate the area

## Spill-Specific Solutions

Whether you're dealing with water-based, oil-based or hazardous chemical spills, PRO-SAFE® has the right solutions. See the Spill Control Recommendations chart below to find exactly what you need.

## Prepare For Your Processes

The key to fast, effective spill control is making sure you have the supplies, resources and protocol designed to fit the unique needs of your facility.

Here are PRO-SAFE® recommendations for a variety of applications:

- **General Purpose Wiping, Drips and Leaks:** pads and rolls for use throughout your facility, as well as socks and pillows to soak up spills around and under dripping equipment.
- **Heavy Foot & Forklift Traffic:** mats and rug mats to help minimize the risk of slips, trips and falls.
- **Emergency Spill Response:** spill kits, which contain all the gear to tackle unexpected spills.

SPILL CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS		
TYPE OF SPILL	TYPE OF SORBENTS	APPLICATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water-based fluids</li> <li>• Oil-based fluids</li> </ul>	Universal Absorbents	Use around machinery, under leaky pipes, in messy traffic area or for general maintenance areas.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil-based fluids</li> <li>• Outdoor/water repelling</li> </ul>	Oil Only Absorbents	Specialized for oil and other petroleum-based spills including paints and non-water soluble chemicals, these absorbents will not absorb water and will float indefinitely.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hazardous chemical fluids</li> </ul>	Chemical Absorbents	Surfactant-treated polypropylene absorbents can be used on a wide range of chemicals, including hydrofluoric acid. They are chemically inert and will not react with aggressive fluids.

## Color Your Cabinets

Be sure hazardous materials are protected in flammable safety cabinets to prevent accidental fires, explosions, chemical burns or other damage. Color coding flammable safety cabinets helps easily identify contents at a glance, which makes this solution a best practice in many facilities.

### BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR FLAMMABLE SAFETY CABINET COLOR



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