

Hazardous Materials Alert

If it is a gas or a hazardous material, DO NOT activate building alarms, electronic equipment or light flammable material!

If the release of a hazardous chemical or gas is affecting people in your area, immediately:

1. **REMOVE** anyone in immediate danger only if safe to do so. DO NOT allow other people in the area. If anyone is contaminated, set up an isolation area. If available, and only if it is safe to do so, put on personal protective equipment, observe and support the person until Emergency Services arrive. DO NOT put yourself at risk.

2. **ISOLATE** the hazardous material by clearing the area, close the doors. If safe to do so turn off isolator switches, ventilation & machinery. DO NOT touch suspect material.

3. **ACTIVATE**

If it is a “**GAS**” or “**HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ALERT**”, shout a warning, pass the alarm by word of mouth.

If able to ring from a safe area away from the ALERT, **DIAL 6111** from a landline and give **exact location** and **type of material involved**.

4. **CONTAIN**

- Do not risk contact with material or allow spread.
- Do not smell, touch, or taste.
- Close doors between you and the hazardous material.

Information on the management of minor chemical/hazardous material spills or releases can be found on Material Safety Data Sheets contained in the department and on Chemwatch at <http://chemwatch.canterbury.ac.nz>

Departmental Contact(s):

Name: _____ **Extn:** _____ **Mobile:** _____

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Spill Kit location _____

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