

**Long Term Care - Introduction to Facility
Emergency Plans**

**Hazardous Material
Spill/Release – Internal**

What is a “**Hazardous Materials Spill/Release - Internal**”

- A hazardous material spill/release within your facility may be referred to in a variety of ways depending on the facility. Some refer to it as Code Grey Internal, some Code Brown, others Code Brown for internal spill/release and Code Grey for an external spill/release. Refer your facility’s All Hazards/Emergency Plan to determine what your plan is called
- Some objectives of a hazardous materials spill/release plan include removing residents, visitors and staff from danger, confining the spill/release (closing doors, shutting down the air exchange etc.) and alerting other staff and first responders (if necessary)

Discovery of a **Hazardous Materials Spill/Release – Internal**

If you discover a hazardous materials spill/release in your facility:

- Loudly and clearly announcing the need to evacuate the area
- Directing residents and staff where to evacuate to and the route to take
- Assist residents and any injured persons with evacuation if necessary
- Direct other staff on scene to provide assistance
- If necessary, inform the area team leader/supervisor of the incident
- Shut off/do not use possible sources of ignition including pilot lights, lighters etc.
- Shut doors to affected area including fire doors and activate red door tags as necessary
- Assign a runner to inform the nursing supervisor or use the paging system as per your facility's emergency procedures
- In consultation with Incident Commander, ensure the Department of Environment is notified as well as contacting 911 (if deemed necessary)

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Things to remember:

- Hazardous materials can be dangerous if handled, ingested, inhaled. Clear the contaminated area of staff, residents and visitors prior to initiating facility wide or 911 notification. Do not attempt clean up unless instructed to do so by supervisor or first responders
- If evacuating or closing doors to confine the spill area, remember to activate red door tags as appropriate – tag up if the room is empty and down if occupied
- If an area becomes unsafe, staff are free to remove residents, visitors and other staff as necessary

Know Your Facility – Hazardous Material Spill/Release - Internal

You should know:

- What hazardous materials are on facility and where they are located
- Location of facility WHIMS information
- Location of fire doors and emergency exits
- Location of the facility All Hazards/Emergency Plan

Where to go to learn more!

- Facility All Hazards/Emergency Plan
- Supervisor
- www.healthpei.ca/scr/ltc
- Contact Emergency Health and Planning Services

Thank you!

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