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EMERGENCIES

Emergency! Emergency! Do you know what to do? Webster's dictionary defines an emergency as a sudden, generally unexpected occurrence or set of circumstances demanding immediate action. It is incumbent upon each of us to know what to do when an emergency occurs so that the most effective action is taken.

Many employers have specific procedures planned for individual emergencies. Others have emergency teams, and still others depend on trained employees to respond. Pay attention anytime your supervisor discusses emergencies. You need to know exactly what you are supposed to do, who to call, and where to go. Your life, and the lives of your co-workers, could depend on your actions.

In general, the first thing to do in an emergency is to call for assistance. Most communities now use the 9-1-1 emergency system. All you need to do is dial 9-1-1. The operator will ask if you need the police, fire department, or ambulance service. Stay calm and speak clearly. Tell the operator the type of emergency, your exact location, the number of injured persons, and the phone number from which you are calling. Don't hang up! Let the operator end the call once he or she has the necessary information. Some localities use seven-digit emergency phone numbers, and 9-1-1 may not work from a cellular phone; in these cases it is very important that all emergency numbers be posted at every jobsite telephone.

Next, secure the area and keep bystanders back. If you are trained and qualified to provide first aid or other assistance, do what you have been trained to do. Don't forget to protect yourself while assisting — use gloves for first aid, a protective mask for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and a self-contained breathing apparatus for fire fighting.

There are several things you can do now to improve your ability to respond in an emergency situation. Know where fire extinguishers are located and learn how to use them. Be sure emergency-related personal protective equipment is available. Enroll in a first aid class — your knowledge of first aid and emergency response could mean the difference between life and death for a co-worker or a member of your family. Once you have acquired them, keep your first aid and CPR skills up to date. These steps will help to ensure that you will be able to take action quickly and appropriately if an emergency occurs.

SAFETY REMINDER

**Emergencies occur off the job, too.
Make sure your family knows what to do.**

Special Topics For Your Project _____

Employee Safety Recommendations _____

Reviewed MSDS # _____

Subject _____

Meeting Attended By _____

Supervisor's Signature _____