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INTRODUCTION TO GREEN TABLES - INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES

Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances suggests distances useful to protect people from vapors resulting from spills involving dangerous goods that are considered toxic by inhalation (TIH). This list includes certain chemical warfare agents and materials that produce toxic gases upon contact with water. Table 1 provides first responders with initial guidance until technically qualified emergency response personnel are available.

The **Initial Isolation Zone** defines an area SURROUNDING the incident in which persons may be exposed to dangerous (upwind) and life threatening (downwind) concentrations of material. The **Protective Action Zone** defines an area DOWNWIND from the incident in which persons may become incapacitated and unable to take protective action and/or incur serious or irreversible health effects. Table 1 provides specific guidance for small and large spills occurring day or night.

Adjusting distances for a specific incident involves many interdependent variables and should be made only by personnel technically qualified to make such adjustments. For this reason, no precise guidance can be provided in this document to aid in adjusting the table distances; however, general guidance follows.

Factors That May Change the Protective Action Distances

The orange-bordered guide for a material clearly indicates under the section EVACUATION – Fire, the evacuation distance required to protect against fragmentation hazard of a large container. If the material becomes involved in a **FIRE**, the toxic hazard may be less than the fire or explosion hazard. In these cases, the **Fire** hazard distance should be used.

Initial isolation and protective action distances in this guidebook are derived from historical data on transportation incidents and the use of statistical models. For worst-case scenarios involving the instantaneous release of the entire contents of a package (e.g., as a result of terrorism, sabotage or catastrophic accident) the distances may increase substantially. For such events, doubling of the initial isolation and protective action distances is appropriate in absence of other information.

If more than one tank car containing TIH materials involved in the incident is leaking, LARGE SPILL distances may need to be increased.

For a material with a protective action distance of 11.0+ km (7.0+ miles), the actual distance can be larger in certain atmospheric conditions. If the dangerous goods vapor plume is channeled in a valley or between many tall buildings, distances may be larger than shown in Table 1 due to less mixing of the plume with the atmosphere. Daytime spills in regions with known strong inversions or snow cover, or occurring near sunset, may require an increase of the protective action distance because airborne contaminants mix and disperse more slowly and may travel much farther downwind. In such cases, the nighttime protective action distance may be more appropriate. In addition, protective action distances may be larger for liquid spills when either the material or outdoor temperature exceeds 30°C (86°F).

Materials which react with water to produce large amounts of toxic gases are included in Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances. Note that some water-reactive materials (WRM) which are also TIH (e.g., Bromine trifluoride (1746), Thionyl chloride (1836), etc.) produce additional TIH materials when spilled in water. For these materials, two entries are provided in Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances (i.e., for spills on land and for spills in water). **If it is not clear whether the spill is on land or in water, or in cases where the spill occurs both on land and in water, choose the larger Protective Action Distance**.

Following Table 1, **Table 2** – Water-Reactive Materials Which Produce Toxic Gases lists materials that produce large amounts of Toxic Inhalation Hazard gases (TIH) when spilled in water as well as the toxic gases that are produced when spilled in water.

When a water-reactive TIH producing material is spilled into a river or stream, the source of the toxic gas may move with the current and stretch from the spill point downstream for a substantial distance.

Finally, **Table 3** lists Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances for Toxic Inhalation Hazard materials that may be more commonly encountered.

The selected materials are:

- Ammonia, anhydrous (UN1005)
- Chlorine (UN1017)
- Ethylene oxide (UN1040)
- Hydrogen chloride (UN1050) and Hydrogen chloride, refrigerated liquid (UN2186)
- Hydrogen fluoride (UN1052)
- Sulfur dioxide/Sulphur dioxide (UN1079)

The materials are presented in alphabetical order and provide Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances for large spills (more than 208 liters or 55 US gallons) involving different container types (therefore different volume capacities) for day time and night time situations and for different wind speeds.

PROTECTIVE ACTION DECISION FACTORS TO CONSIDER

The choice of protective actions for a given situation depends on a number of factors. For some cases, evacuation may be the best option; in others, sheltering in-place may be the best course. Sometimes, these two actions may be used in combination. In any emergency, officials need to quickly give the public instructions. The public will need continuing information and instructions while being evacuated or sheltered in-place.

Proper evaluation of the factors listed below will determine the effectiveness of evacuation or in-place protection (shelter in-place). The importance of these factors can vary with emergency conditions. In specific emergencies, other factors may need to be identified and considered as well. This list indicates what kind of information may be needed to make the initial decision.

The Dangerous Goods

- Degree of health hazard
- Chemical and physical properties
- Amount involved
- Containment/control of release
- Rate of vapor movement

The Population Threatened

- Location
- Number of people
- Time available to evacuate or shelter in-place
- Ability to control evacuation or shelter in-place
- Building types and availability
- Special institutions or populations, e.g., nursing homes, hospitals, prisons

Weather Conditions

- Effect on vapor and cloud movement
- Potential for change
- Effect on evacuation or shelter in-place

PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

Protective Actions are those steps taken to preserve the health and safety of emergency responders and the public during an incident involving releases of dangerous goods. Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances (green-bordered pages) predicts the size of downwind areas which could be affected by a cloud of toxic gas. People in this area should be evacuated and/or sheltered in-place inside buildings.

Isolate Hazard Area and Deny Entry means to keep everybody away from the area if they are not directly involved in emergency response operations. Unprotected emergency responders should not be allowed to enter the isolation zone. This "isolation" task is done first to establish control over the area of operations. This is the first step for any protective actions that may follow. See Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances (green-bordered pages) for more detailed information on specific materials.

Evacuate means to move all people from a threatened area to a safer place. To perform an evacuation, there must be enough time for people to be warned, to get ready, and to leave an area. If there is enough time, evacuation is the best protective action. Begin evacuating people nearby and those outdoors in direct view of the scene. When additional help arrives, expand the area to be evacuated downwind and crosswind to at least the extent recommended in this guidebook. Even after people move to the distances recommended, they may not be completely safe from harm. They should not be permitted to congregate at such distances. Send evacuees to a definite place, by a specific route, far enough away so they will not have to be moved again if the wind shifts.

Shelter In-Place means people should seek shelter inside a building and remain inside until the danger passes. **Sheltering in-place is used when evacuating the public would cause greater risk than staying where they are, or when an evacuation cannot be performed.** Direct the people inside to **close all doors and windows** and to **shut off all ventilating, heating and cooling systems.** In-place protection (shelter in-place) may not be the best option if (a) the vapors are flammable; (b) if it will take a long time for the gas to clear the area; or (c) if buildings cannot be closed tightly. Vehicles can offer some protection for a short period if the windows are closed and the ventilating systems are shut off. Vehicles are not as effective as buildings for in-place protection.

It is vital to maintain communications with competent persons inside the building so that they are advised about changing conditions. **Persons protected-in-place should be warned to stay far from windows** because of the danger from glass and projected metal fragments in a fire and/or explosion.

Every dangerous goods incident is different. Each will have special problems and concerns. Action to protect the public must be selected carefully. These pages can help with **initial** decisions on how to protect the public. Officials must continue to gather information and monitor the situation until the threat is removed.

BACKGROUND ON TABLE 1 - INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES

Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances in this guidebook were determined for small and large spills occurring during day or night. The overall analysis was statistical in nature and utilized state-of-the-art emission rate and dispersion models; statistical release data from the U.S. DOT HMIS (Hazardous Materials Information System) database; meteorological observations from over 120 locations in United States, Canada and Mexico; and the most current toxicological exposure guidelines.

For each chemical, thousands of hypothetical releases were modeled to account for the statistical variation in both release amount and atmospheric conditions. Based on this statistical sample, the 90th percentile Protective Action Distance for each chemical and category was selected to appear in the Table. A brief description of the analysis is provided below. A detailed report outlining the methodology and data used in the generation of the Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances may be obtained from the U.S. Department of Transportation, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Release amounts and emission rates into the atmosphere were statistically modeled based on (1) data from the U.S. DOT HMIS database; (2) container types and sizes authorized for transport as specified in 49 CFR §172.101 and Part 173; (3) physical properties of the individual materials, and (4) atmospheric data from a historical database. The emission model calculated the release of vapor due to evaporation of pools on the ground, direct release of vapors from the container, or a combination of both, as would occur for liquefied gases which can flash to form both a vapor/aerosol mixture and an evaporating pool. In addition, the emission model also calculated the emission of toxic vapor by-products generated from spilling water-reactive materials in water. Spills that involve releases of approximately 208 liters for liquids (55 US gallons) and 300 kg for solids (660 pounds) or less are considered Small Spills, while spills that involve greater quantities are considered Large Spills. An exception to this is certain chemical warfare agents where Small Spills include releases up to 2 kg (4.4 lbs), and Large Spills include releases up to 25 kg (55 lbs). These agents are BZ, CX, GA, GB, GD, GF, HD, HL, HN1, HN2, HN3, L and VX.

Downwind dispersion of the vapor was estimated for each case modeled. Atmospheric parameters affecting the dispersion, and the emission rate, were selected in a statistical fashion from a database containing hourly meteorological data from 120 cities in the United States, Canada and Mexico. The dispersion calculation accounted for the time dependent emission rate from the source as well as the density of the vapor plume (i.e., heavy gas effects). Since atmospheric mixing is less effective at dispersing vapor plumes during nighttime, day and night were separated in the analysis. In Table 1, "Day" refers to time periods after sunrise and before sunset, while "Night" includes all hours between sunset and sunrise.

Toxicological short-term exposure guidelines for the materials were applied to determine the downwind distance to which persons may become incapacitated and unable to take protective action or may incur serious health effects after a once-in-a-lifetime, or rare, exposure. When available, toxicological exposure guidelines were chosen from AEGL-2 or ERPG-2 emergency response guidelines, with AEGL-2 values being the first choice. For materials that do not have AEGL-2 or ERPG-2 values, emergency response guidelines estimated from lethal concentration limits derived from animal studies were used, as recommended by an independent panel of toxicological experts from industry and academia.

HOW TO USE TABLE 1 - INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES

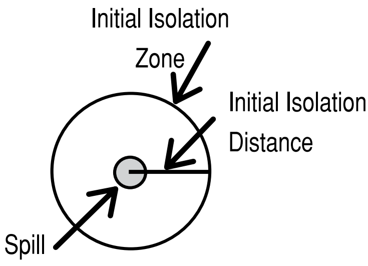
(1) The responder should already have:

- Identified the material by its ID Number and Name; (if an ID Number cannot be found, use the Name of Material index in the blue-bordered pages to locate that number.)
- Found the three-digit guide for that material in order to consult the emergency actions recommended jointly with this table;
- **Noted the wind direction.**

(2) Look in Table 1 (the green-bordered pages) for the ID Number and Name of the Material involved in the incident. Some ID Numbers have more than one shipping name listed—look for the specific name of the material. (If the shipping name is not known and Table 1 lists more than one name for the same ID Number, use the entry with the largest protective action distances.)

(3) Determine if the incident involves a SMALL or LARGE spill and if DAY or NIGHT. Generally, a SMALL SPILL is one which involves a single, small package (e.g., a drum containing up to approximately 208 liters (55 US gallons)), a small cylinder, or a small leak from a large package. A LARGE SPILL is one which involves a spill from a large package, or multiple spills from many small packages. DAY is any time after sunrise and before sunset. NIGHT is any time between sunset and sunrise.

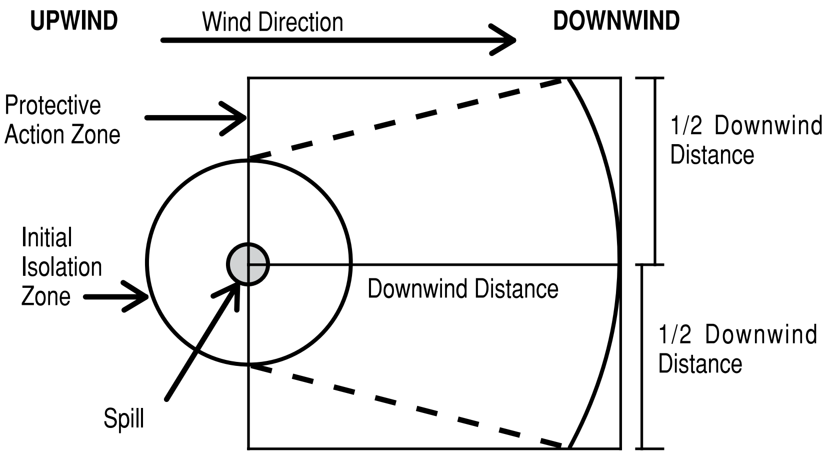
(4) Look up the INITIAL ISOLATION DISTANCE. Direct all persons to move, in a crosswind direction, away from the spill to the distance specified—in meters and feet.



(5) Look up the initial PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCE shown in Table 1. For a given material, spill size, and whether day or night, Table 1 gives the downwind distance—in kilometers and miles— for which protective actions should be considered. For practical purposes, the Protective Action Zone (i.e., the area in which people are at risk of harmful exposure) is a square, whose length and width are the same as the downwind distance shown in Table 1.

(6) Initiate Protective Actions to the extent possible, beginning with those closest to the spill site and working away from the site in the downwind direction. When a water-reactive TIH producing material is spilled into a river or stream, the source of the toxic gas may move with the current or stretch from the spill point downstream for a substantial distance.

The shape of the area in which protective actions should be taken (the Protective Action Zone) is shown in this figure. The spill is located at the center of the small circle. The larger circle represents the INITIAL ISOLATION zone around the spill.



NOTE 1: See "Introduction To Green Tables – Initial Isolation And Protective Action Distances" under "Factors That May Change the Protective Action Distances" (page 285)

NOTE 2: See Table 2 – Water-Reactive Materials which Produce Toxic Gases for the list of gases produced when these materials are spilled in water.

Call the emergency response telephone number listed on the shipping paper or the appropriate response agency as soon as possible for additional information on the material, safety precautions and mitigation procedures.

TABLE 1 - INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES

ID No.	Guide	NAME OF MATERIAL	SMALL SPILLS (From a small package or small leak from a large package) First ISOLATE in all Directions Meters (Feet)	Then PROTECT persons Downwind during- DAY Kilometers (Miles)	NIGHT Kilometers (Miles)	LARGE SPILLS (From a large package or from many small packages) First ISOLATE in all Directions Meters (Feet)	Then PROTECT persons Downwind during- DAY Kilometers (Miles)	NIGHT Kilometers (Miles)
1005 *	**125**	Ammonia, anhydrous	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	150 m (500 ft)	0.8 km (0.5 mi)	2.0 km (1.3 mi)
1005 *	**125**	Anhydrous ammonia						
1008	**125**	Boron trifluoride	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.5 km (0.4 mi)	300 m (1000 ft)	1.7 km (1.1 mi)	4.8 km (3.0 mi)
1008	**125**	Boron trifluoride, compressed						
1016	**119**	Carbon monoxide	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	200 m (600 ft)	1.2 km (0.8 mi)	4.8 km (3.0 mi)
1016	**119**	Carbon monoxide, compressed						
1017 *	**124**	Chlorine	60 m (200 ft)	0.4 km (0.2 mi)	1.5 km (1.0 mi)	500 m (1500 ft)	3.0 km (1.9 mi)	7.9 km (4.9 mi)
1023	**119**	Coal gas	60 m (200 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	100 m (300 ft)	0.4 km (0.2 mi)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)
1023	**119**	Coal gas, compressed						
1026	**119**	Cyanogen	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)	60 m (200 ft)	0.4 km (0.2 mi)	1.7 km (1.0 mi)
1026	**119**	Cyanogen gas						
1040 *	**119P**	Ethylene oxide	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	150 m (500 ft)	0.9 km (0.5 mi)	2.0 km (1.3 mi)
1040 *	**119P**	Ethylene oxide with Nitrogen						
1045	**124**	Fluorine	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	100 m (300 ft)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)	2.3 km (1.4 mi)
1045	**124**	Fluorine, compressed						
1048	**125**	Hydrogen bromide, anhydrous	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	200 m (600 ft)	1.2 km (0.8 mi)	3.9 km (2.4 mi)
1050 *	**125**	Hydrogen chloride, anhydrous	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	60 m (200 ft)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	1.3 km (0.8 mi)
1051	**117**	AC **(when used as a weapon)**	60 m (200 ft)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	1.0 km (0.6 mi)	1000 m (3000 ft)	3.7 km (2.3 mi)	8.4 km (5.3 mi)

1051	**117**	Hydrocyanic acid, aqueous solutions, with more than 20% Hydrogen cyanide	60 m	(200 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.6 km	(0.4 mi)	400 m	(1250 ft)	1.4 km	(0.9 mi)	3.8 km	(2.4 mi)
1051	**117**	Hydrogen cyanide, anhydrous, stabilized												
1051	**117**	Hydrogen cyanide, stabilized												
1052 *	**125**	Hydrogen fluoride, anhydrous	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)	300 m	(1000 ft)	1.5 km	(0.9 mi)	3.2 km	(2.0 mi)
1053 1053	**117** **117**	Hydrogen sulfide Hydrogen sulphide	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.4 km	(0.3 mi)	300 m	(1000 ft)	1.7 km	(1.0 mi)	5.6 km	(3.5 mi)
1062	**123**	Methyl bromide	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.2 mi)	100 m	(300 ft)	0.6 km	(0.4 mi)	1.9 km	(1.2 mi)
1064	**117**	Methyl mercaptan	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	150 m	(500 ft)	1.0 km	(0.7 mi)	3.2 km	(2.0 mi)
1067 1067	**124** **124**	Dinitrogen tetroxide Nitrogen dioxide	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.4 km	(0.2 mi)	300 m	(1000 ft)	1.1 km	(0.7 mi)	2.7 km	(1.7 mi)
1069	**125**	Nitrosyl chloride	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.2 mi)	1.1 km	(0.7 mi)	600 m	(2000 ft)	3.6 km	(2.3 mi)	9.5 km	(5.9 mi)
1071 1071	**119** **119**	Oil gas Oil gas, compressed	60 m	(200 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	100 m	(300 ft)	0.4 km	(0.2 mi)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)
1076	**125**	CG **(when used as a weapon)**	150 m	(500 ft)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	3.2 km	(2.0 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	7.5 km	(4.7 mi)	11.0+ km	(7.0+ mi)
1076	**125**	Diphosgene	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	30 m	(100 ft)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	0.5 km	0.3 mi)
1076	**125**	DP **(when used as a weapon)**	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.7 km	(0.4 mi)	200 m	(600 ft)	1.0 km	(0.7 mi)	2.4 km	(1.5 mi)
1076	**125**	Phosgene	100 m	(300 ft)	0.6 km	(0.4 mi)	2.7 km	(1.7 mi)	500 m	(1500 ft)	3.1 km	(1.9 mi)	10.8 km	(6.7 mi)
1079 * 1079 *	**125** **125**	Sulfur dioxide Sulphur dioxide	100 m	(300 ft)	0.7 km	(0.4 mi)	2.8 km	(1.7 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	5.6 km	(3.5 mi)	11.0+ km	(7.0+ mi)
1082	**119P**	Trifluorochloroethylene, stabilized	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	60 m	(200 ft)	0.4 km	(0.3 mi)	0.9 km	(0.6 mi)
1092	**131P**	Acrolein, stabilized	150 m	(500 ft)	1.4 km	(0.9 mi)	4.0 km	(2.5 mi)	800 m	(2500 ft)	9.3 km	(5.8 mi)	11.0+ km	(7.0+ mi)
1098	**131**	Allyl alcohol	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	60 m	(200 ft)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	0.5 km	(0.3 mi)

"+" means distance can be larger in certain atmospheric conditions

*** PLEASE ALSO CONSULT TABLE 3 FOR THIS MATERIAL**

TABLE 1 - INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES

ID No.	Guide	NAME OF MATERIAL	SMALL SPILLS (From a small package or small leak from a large package) First ISOLATE in all Directions Meters (Feet)	Then PROTECT persons Downwind during- DAY Kilometers (Miles)	NIGHT Kilometers (Miles)	LARGE SPILLS (From a large package or from many small packages) First ISOLATE in all Directions Meters (Feet)	Then PROTECT persons Downwind during- DAY Kilometers (Miles)	NIGHT Kilometers (Miles)
1135	**131**	Ethylene chlorohydrin	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	60 m (200 ft)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	0.4 km (0.3 mi)
1143 1143	**131P** **131P**	Crotonaldehyde Crotonaldehyde, stabilized	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	60 m (200 ft)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)	1.0 km (0.6 mi)
1162	**155**	Dimethyldichlorosilane **(when spilled in water)**	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.2 mi)	60 m (200 ft)	0.6 km (0.4 mi)	1.9 km (1.2 mi)
1163 1163	**131** **131**	1,1-Dimethylhydrazine Dimethylhydrazine, unsymmetrical	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.5 km (0.4 mi)	100 m (300 ft)	1.1 km (0.7 mi)	2.2 km (1.4 mi)
1182	**155**	Ethyl chloroformate	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	60 m (200 ft)	0.4 km (0.2 mi)	0.6 km (0.4 mi)
1183	**139**	Ethyldichlorosilane **(when spilled in water)**	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	60 m (200 ft)	0.7 km (0.5 mi)	2.2 km (1.4 mi)
1185	**131P**	Ethyleneimine, stabilized	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.5 km (0.3 mi)	100 m (300 ft)	1.0 km (0.6 mi)	2.0 km (1.3 mi)
1196	**155**	Ethyltrichlorosilane **(when spilled in water)**	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.1 mi)	0.7 km (0.5 mi)	200 m (600 ft)	2.1 km (1.3 mi)	6.3 km (3.9 mi)
1238	**155**	Methyl chloroformate	30 m (100 ft)	0.2 km (0.2 mi)	0.6 km (0.4 mi)	150 m (500 ft)	1.1 km (0.7 mi)	2.3 km (1.4 mi)
1239	**131**	Methyl chloromethyl ether	30 m (100 ft)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	1.1 km (0.7 mi)	200 m (600 ft)	2.2 km (1.4 mi)	4.6 km (2.9 mi)
1242	**139**	Methyldichlorosilane **(when spilled in water)**	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	60 m (200 ft)	0.8 km (0.5 mi)	2.5 km (1.6 mi)
1244	**131**	Methylhydrazine	30 m (100 ft)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	0.6 km (0.4 mi)	100 m (300 ft)	1.4 km (0.9 mi)	2.3 km (1.4 mi)
1250	**155**	Methyltrichlorosilane **(when spilled in water)**	30 m (100 ft)	0.1 km (0.1 mi)	0.3 km (0.2 mi)	100 m (300 ft)	0.9 km (0.6 mi)	2.6 km (1.7 mi)

1251	**131P**	Methyl vinyl ketone, stabilized	100 m	(300 ft)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	800 m	(2500 ft)	1.5 km	(1.0 mi)	3.0 km	(1.9 mi)
1259	**131**	Nickel carbonyl	100 m	(300 ft)	1.4 km	(0.9 mi)	5.4 km	(3.4 mi)	1000 m	(3000 ft)	11.0+ km	(7.0+ mi)	11.0+ km	(7.0+ mi)
1295	**139**	Trichlorosilane **(when spilled in water)**	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.3 km	(0.2 mi)	60 m	(200 ft)	0.7 km	(0.4 mi)	2.2 km	(1.4 mi)
1298	**155**	Trimethylchlorosilane **(when spilled in water)**	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	60 m	(200 ft)	0.6 km	(0.4 mi)	1.6 km	(1.0 mi)
1305	**155P**	Vinyltrichlorosilane **(when spilled in water)**	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.2 mi)	60 m	(200 ft)	0.6 km	(0.4 mi)	2.0 km	(1.3 mi)
1305	**155P**	Vinyltrichlorosilane, stabilized **(when spilled in water)**												
1340	**139**	Phosphorus pentasulfide, free from yellow and white Phosphorus **(when spilled in water)**	30 m	(100 ft)	0.1 km	(0.1 mi)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	60 m	(200 ft)	0.4 km	(0.2 mi)	1.4 km	(0.9 mi)
1340	**139**	Phosphorus pentasulphide, free from yellow and white Phosphorus **(when spilled in water)**												
1360	**139**	Calcium phosphide **(when spilled in water)**	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.7 km	(0.4 mi)	300 m	(1000 ft)	1.1 km	(0.7 mi)	3.8 km	(2.4 mi)
1380	**135**	Pentaborane	60 m	(200 ft)	0.6 km	(0.4 mi)	2.0 km	(1.2 mi)	200 m	(600 ft)	2.7 km	(1.7 mi)	8.2 km	(5.1 mi)
1384	**135**	Sodium dithionite **(when spilled in water)**	30 m	(100 ft)	0.2 km	(0.1 mi)	0.6 km	(0.4 mi)	60 m	(200 ft)	0.8 km	(0.5 mi)	2.7 km	(1.7 mi)
1384	**135**	Sodium hydrosulfite **(when spilled in water)**												
1384	**135**	Sodium hydrosulphite **(when spilled in water)**												
1397	**139**	Aluminum phosphide **(when spilled in water)**	60 m	(200 ft)	0.2 km	(0.2 mi)	0.9 km	(0.6 mi)	500 m	(1500 ft)	2.1 km	(1.3 mi)	7.5 km	(4.7 mi)

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HOW TO USE TABLE 2 – WATER-REACTIVE MATERIALS WHICH PRODUCE TOXIC GASES

Table 2 lists materials which produce large amounts of Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH) gases when spilled in water and identifies the TIH gases produced.

The materials are listed by ID number order.

These Water Reactive materials are easily identified in Table 1 as their name is immediately followed by (**when spilled in water**).

Note: Some Water Reactive materials are also TIH materials themselves (e.g., Bromine trifluoride (1746), Thionyl chloride (1836), etc.). In these instances, two entries are provided in **Table 1** for land-based and water-based spills. If the Water Reactive material **is NOT** a TIH and this material **is NOT** spilled in water, **Table 1** and **Table 2** do not apply and safety distances will be found within the appropriate orange guide.

Materials Which Produce Large Amounts of Toxic-by-Inhalation (TIH) Gas(es) *When Spilled in Water*

ID No.	Guide No.	Name of Material	TIH Gas(es) Produced
1162	155	Dimethyldichlorosilane	HCl
1183	139	Ethyldichlorosilane	HCl
1196	155	Ethyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1242	139	Methyldichlorosilane	HCl
1250	155	Methyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1295	139	Trichlorosilane	HCl
1298	155	Trimethylchlorosilane	HCl
1305	155P	Vinyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1305	155P	Vinyltrichlorosilane, stabilized	HCl
1340	139	Phosphorus pentasulfide, free from yellow and white Phosphorus	H_2S
1340	139	Phosphorus pentasulphide, free from yellow and white Phosphorus	H_2S
1360	139	Calcium phosphide	PH_3
1384	135	Sodium dithionite	H_2S SO_2
1384	135	Sodium hydrosulfite	H_2S SO_2
1384	135	Sodium hydrosulphite	H_2S SO_2
1397	139	Aluminum phosphide	PH_3
1419	139	Magnesium aluminum phosphide	PH_3
1432	139	Sodium phosphide	PH_3
1541	155	Acetone cyanohydrin, stabilized	HCN
1680	157	Potassium cyanide	HCN
1680	157	Potassium cyanide, solid	HCN
1689	157	Sodium cyanide	HCN
1689	157	Sodium cyanide, solid	HCN

Chemical Symbols for TIH Gases:

Br_2	Bromine	HF	Hydrogen fluoride	NO_2	Nitrogen dioxide
Cl_2	Chlorine	HI	Hydrogen iodide	PH_3	Phosphine
HBr	Hydrogen bromide	H_2S	Hydrogen sulfide	SO_2	Sulfur dioxide
HCl	Hydrogen chloride	H_2S	Hydrogen sulphide	SO_2	Sulphur dioxide
HCN	Hydrogen cyanide	NH_3	Ammonia		

Use this list only when material is spilled in water.

TABLE 2 - WATER-REACTIVE MATERIALS WHICH PRODUCE TOXIC GASES

Materials Which Produce Large Amounts of Toxic-by-Inhalation (TIH) Gas(es)
When Spilled in Water

ID No.	Guide No.	Name of Material	TIH Gas(es) Produced
1716	156	Acetyl bromide	HBr
1717	155	Acetyl chloride	HCl
1724	155	Allyltrichlorosilane, stabilized	HCl
1725	137	Aluminum bromide, anhydrous	HBr
1726	137	Aluminum chloride, anhydrous	HCl
1728	155	Amyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1732	157	Antimony pentafluoride	HF
1741	125	Boron trichloride	HCl
1745	144	Bromine pentafluoride	HF Br_2
1746	144	Bromine trifluoride	HF Br_2
1747	155	Butyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1752	156	Chloroacetyl chloride	HCl
1753	156	Chlorophenyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1754	137	Chlorosulfonic acid	HCl
1754	137	Chlorosulfonic acid and Sulfur trioxide mixture	HCl
1754	137	Chlorosulphonic acid	HCl
1754	137	Chlorosulphonic acid and Sulphur trioxide mixture	HCl
1754	137	Sulfur trioxide and Chlorosulfonic acid	HCl
1754	137	Sulphur trioxide and Chlorosulphonic acid	HCl
1758	137	Chromium oxychloride	HCl
1762	156	Cyclohexenyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1763	156	Cyclohexyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1765	156	Dichloroacetyl chloride	HCl

Chemical Symbols for TIH Gases:

Br_2	Bromine	HF	Hydrogen fluoride	NO_2	Nitrogen dioxide
Cl_2	Chlorine	HI	Hydrogen iodide	PH_3	Phosphine
HBr	Hydrogen bromide	H_2S	Hydrogen sulfide	SO_2	Sulfur dioxide
HCl	Hydrogen chloride	H_2S	Hydrogen sulphide	SO_2	Sulphur dioxide
HCN	Hydrogen cyanide	NH_3	Ammonia		

Use this list only when material is spilled in water.

Materials Which Produce Large Amounts of Toxic-by-Inhalation (TIH) Gas(es) *When Spilled in Water*

ID No.	Guide No.	Name of Material	TIH Gas(es) Produced
1766	156	Dichlorophenyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1767	155	Diethyldichlorosilane	HCl
1769	156	Diphenyldichlorosilane	HCl
1771	156	Dodecyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1777	137	Fluorosulfonic acid	HF
1777	137	Fluorosulphonic acid	HF
1781	156	Hexadecyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1784	156	Hexyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1799	156	Nonyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1800	156	Octadecyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1801	156	Octyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1804	156	Phenyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1806	137	Phosphorus pentachloride	HCl
1808	137	Phosphorus tribromide	HBr
1809	137	Phosphorus trichloride	HCl
1810	137	Phosphorus oxychloride	HCl
1815	132	Propionyl chloride	HCl
1816	155	Propyltrichlorosilane	HCl
1818	157	Silicon tetrachloride	HCl
1828	137	Sulfur chlorides	HCl SO_2 H_2S
1828	137	Sulphur chlorides	HCl SO_2 H_2S
1834	137	Sulfuryl chloride	HCl
1834	137	Sulphuryl chloride	HCl

Chemical Symbols for TIH Gases:

Br_2	Bromine	HF	Hydrogen fluoride	NO_2	Nitrogen dioxide
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HCN	Hydrogen cyanide	NH_3	Ammonia		

Use this list only when material is spilled in water.

HOW TO USE TABLE 3 – INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES FOR DIFFERENT QUANTITIES OF SIX COMMON TIH GASES

Table 3 lists Toxic Inhalation Hazard materials that may be more commonly encountered.

The selected materials are:

- Ammonia (UN1005)
- Chlorine (UN1017)
- Ethylene oxide (UN1040)
- Hydrogen chloride (UN1050) and Hydrogen chloride, refrigerated liquid (UN2186)
- Hydrogen fluoride (UN1052)
- Sulfur dioxide/Sulphur dioxide (UN1079)

The materials are presented in alphabetical order and provide Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances for large spills (more than 208 liters or 55 US gallons) involving different container types (therefore different volume capacities) for day time and night time situations and different wind speeds.

TABLE 3 - INITIAL ISOLATION AND PROTECTIVE ACTION DISTANCES FOR DIFFERENT QUANTITIES OF SIX COMMON TIH GASES

UN1005 Ammonia, anhydrous: Large Spills

TRANSPORT CONTAINER	First ISOLATE in all Directions		Then **PROTECT** persons Downwind during											
			DAY						NIGHT					
			Low wind (< 6 mph = < 10 km/h)		Moderate wind (6-12 mph = 10 - 20 km/h)		High wind (> 12 mph = > 20 km/h)		Low wind (< 6 mph = < 10 km/h)		Moderate wind (6-12 mph = 10 - 20 km/h)		High wind (> 12 mph = > 20 km/h)	
	Meters	(Feet)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)
Rail tank car	300	(1000)	2.3	(1.4)	1.3	(0.8)	1.0	(0.6)	6.3	(3.9)	2.6	(1.6)	1.3	(0.8)
Highway tank truck or trailer	125	(400)	1.0	(0.6)	0.5	(0.3)	0.3	(0.2)	2.6	(1.6)	0.8	(0.5)	0.5	(0.3)
Agricultural nurse tank	60	(200)	0.6	(0.4)	0.3	(0.2)	0.3	(0.2)	1.5	(0.9)	0.5	(0.3)	0.3	(0.2)
Multiple small cylinders	30	(100)	0.3	(0.2)	0.2	(0.1)	0.2	(0.1)	0.8	(0.5)	0.3	(0.2)	0.2	(0.1)

UN1017 Chlorine: Large Spills

TRANSPORT CONTAINER	Meters	(Feet)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)
Rail tank car	1000	(3000)	11+	(7+)	9.0	(5.6)	5.5	(3.4)	11+	(7+)	11+	(7+)	7.1	(4.4)
Highway tank truck or trailer	1000	(3000)	10.6	(6.6)	3.5	(2.2)	2.9	(1.8)	11+	(7+)	5.5	(3.4)	4.2	(2.6)
Multiple ton cylinders	400	(1250)	4.0	(2.5)	1.5	(0.9)	1.1	(0.7)	7.9	(4.9)	2.7	(1.7)	1.5	(0.9)
Multiple small cylinders or single ton cylinder	250	(800)	2.6	(1.6)	1.0	(0.6)	0.8	(0.5)	5.6	(3.5)	1.8	(1.1)	0.8	(0.5)

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UN1040 Ethylene oxide: Large Spills

TRANSPORT CONTAINER	First ISOLATE in all Directions		Then **PROTECT** persons Downwind during											
			DAY						NIGHT					
			Low wind (< 6 mph = < 10 km/h)		Moderate wind (6-12 mph = 10 - 20 km/h)		High wind (> 12 mph = > 20 km/h)		Low wind (< 6 mph = < 10 km/h)		Moderate wind (6-12 mph = 10 - 20 km/h)		High wind (> 12 mph = > 20 km/h)	
	Meters	(Feet)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)
Rail tank car	200	(600)	1.4	(0.9)	0.8	(0.5)	0.6	(0.4)	4.0	(2.5)	1.4	(0.9)	0.8	(0.5)
Highway tank truck or trailer	100	(300)	0.8	(0.5)	0.5	(0.3)	0.3	(0.2)	2.1	(1.3)	0.6	(0.4)	0.5	(0.3)
Multiple small cylinders or single ton cylinder	30	(100)	0.3	(0.2)	0.2	(0.1)	0.2	(0.1)	0.8	(0.5)	0.3	(0.2)	0.2	(0.1)

UN1050 Hydrogen chloride: Large Spills
UN2186 Hydrogen chloride, refrigerated liquid: Large Spills

TRANSPORT CONTAINER	Meters	(Feet)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)
Rail tank car	600	(2000)	6.1	(3.8)	2.3	(1.4)	1.8	(1.1)	11+	(7+)	4.0	(2.5)	2.6	(1.6)
Highway tank truck or trailer	300	(1000)	3.1	(1.9)	1.1	(0.7)	0.8	(0.5)	7.4	(4.6)	2.1	(1.3)	1.0	(0.6)
Multiple ton cylinders	60	(200)	0.6	(0.4)	0.3	(0.2)	0.2	(0.1)	1.8	(1.1)	0.3	(0.2)	0.2	(0.1)
Multiple small cylinders or single ton cylinder	45	(150)	0.5	(0.3)	0.2	(0.1)	0.2	(0.1)	1.5	(0.9)	0.3	(0.2)	0.2	(0.1)

UN1052 Hydrogen fluoride: Large Spills

TRANSPORT CONTAINER	First ISOLATE in all Directions		Then **PROTECT** persons Downwind during											
			DAY						NIGHT					
			Low wind (< 6 mph = < 10 km/h)		Moderate wind (6-12 mph = 10 - 20 km/h)		High wind (> 12 mph = > 20 km/h)		Low wind (< 6 mph = < 10 km/h)		Moderate wind (6-12 mph = 10 - 20 km/h)		High wind (> 12 mph = > 20 km/h)	
	Meters	(Feet)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)	Km	(Miles)
Rail tank car	400	(1250)	3.2	(2.0)	1.9	(1.2)	1.6	(1.0)	7.9	(4.9)	3.1	(1.9)	1.9	(1.2)
Highway tank truck or trailer	210	(700)	1.9	(1.2)	1.0	(0.6)	0.8	(0.5)	3.9	(2.4)	1.6	(1.0)	1.0	(0.6)
Multiple small cylinders or single ton cylinder	100	(300)	0.8	(0.5)	0.3	(0.2)	0.3	(0.2)	1.6	(1.0)	0.5	(0.3)	0.3	(0.2)

UN1079 Sulfur dioxide/Sulphur dioxide: Large Spills

TRANSPORT CONTAINER	Meters	(Feet)	Day Low Km	(Miles)	Day Moderate Km	(Miles)	Day High Km	(Miles)	Night Low Km	(Miles)	Night Moderate Km	(Miles)	Night High Km	(Miles)
Rail tank car	1000	(3000)	11+	(7+)	11+	(7+)	7.6	(4.7)	11+	(7+)	11+	(7+)	10.8	(6.7)
Highway tank truck or trailer	1000	(3000)	11+	(7+)	7.6	(4.7)	5.1	(3.2)	11+	(7+)	10	(6.2)	6.1	(3.8)
Multiple ton cylinders	600	(2000)	7.1	(4.4)	2.7	(1.7)	1.9	(1.2)	10.5	(6.5)	4.7	(2.9)	2.9	(1.8)
Multiple small cylinders or single ton cylinder	300	(1000)	5.3	(3.3)	1.6	(1.0)	1.1	(0.7)	7.9	(4.9)	2.7	(1.7)	1.5	(0.9)

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ERG2012 USER'S GUIDE

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This guidebook will assist responders in making initial decisions upon arriving at the scene of a dangerous goods incident. It should not be considered as a substitute for emergency response training, knowledge or sound judgment. ERG2012 does not address all possible circumstances that may be associated with a dangerous goods incident. It is primarily designed for use at a dangerous goods incident occurring on a highway or railroad. Be mindful that there may be limited value in its application at fixed facility locations.

ERG2012 incorporates dangerous goods lists from the most recent United Nations Recommendations as well as from other international and national regulations. Explosives are not listed individually by either proper shipping name or ID Number. They do, however, appear under the general heading "Explosives" on the first page of the ID Number index (yellow-bordered pages) and alphabetically in the Name of Material index (blue-bordered pages). Also, the letter **(P)** following the guide number in the yellow-bordered and blue-bordered pages identifies those materials which present a polymerization hazard under certain conditions, for example: Acrolein, stabilized **131P.**

First responders at the scene of a dangerous goods incident should seek additional specific information about any material in question as soon as possible. The information received by contacting the appropriate emergency response agency, by calling the emergency response telephone number on the shipping document, or by consulting the information on or accompanying the shipping document, may be more specific and accurate than this guidebook in providing guidance for the materials involved.

BEFORE AN EMERGENCY – BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THIS GUIDEBOOK! In the U.S., according to the requirements of the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA, 29 CFR 1910.120), and regulations issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, 40 CFR Part 311), first responders must be trained regarding the use of this guidebook.

GUIDEBOOK CONTENTS

1-Yellow-bordered pages: Index list of dangerous goods in numerical order of ID number. This section quickly identifies the guide to be consulted from the ID Number of the material involved. This list displays the 4-digit ID number of the material followed by its assigned emergency response guide and the material name.

For example:	ID No.	GUIDE No.	Name of Material
	1090	127	Acetone

2-Blue-bordered pages: Index list of dangerous goods in alphabetical order of material name. This section quickly identifies the guide to be consulted from the name of the material involved. This list displays the name of the material followed by its assigned emergency response guide and 4-digit ID number.

For example:	Name of Material	GUIDE No.	ID No.
	Sulfuric acid	137	1830

3-Orange-bordered pages: This section is the most important section of the guidebook because it is where all safety recommendations are provided. It comprises a total of 62 individual guides, presented in a two-page format. Each guide provides safety recommendations and emergency response information to protect yourself and the public. The left hand page provides safety related information whereas the right hand page provides emergency response guidance and activities for fire situations, spill or leak incidents and first aid. Each guide is designed to cover a group of materials which possess similar chemical and toxicological characteristics.

The guide title identifies the general hazards of the dangerous goods covered.

For example: **GUIDE 124** - Gases-Toxic and/or Corrosive-Oxidizing.

Each guide is divided into three main sections: the first section describes **potential hazards** that the material may display in terms of fire/explosion and health effects upon exposure. The highest potential is listed first. The emergency responder should consult this section first. This allows the responder to make decisions regarding the protection of the emergency response team as well as the surrounding population.

The second section outlines suggested **public safety** measures based on the situation at hand. It provides general information regarding immediate isolation of the incident site, recommended type of protective clothing and respiratory protection. Suggested evacuation distances are listed for small and large spills and for fire situations (fragmentation hazard). It also directs the reader to consult the tables listing Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH) materials, chemical warfare agents and water-reactive materials (green-bordered pages) when the material is highlighted in the yellow-bordered and blue-bordered pages.

The third section covers **emergency response** actions, including first aid. It outlines special precautions for incidents which involve fire, spill or chemical exposure. Several recommendations are listed under each part which will further assist in the decision making process. The information on first aid is general guidance prior to seeking medical care.

4-Green-bordered pages: This section contains three tables.

Table 1 lists, by ID number order, TIH materials, including certain chemical warfare agents, and water-reactive materials which produce toxic gases upon contact with water. This table provides two different types of recommended safe distances which are "Initial isolation distances" and "Protective action distances". The materials are highlighted in green for easy identification in both numeric (yellow-bordered pages) and alphabetic (blue-bordered pages) lists of the guidebook. This table provides distances for both small (approximately 208 liters (55 US gallons) or less for liquids and 300 kilograms (660 pounds) or less for solids when spilled in water) and large spills (more than 208 liters (55 US gallons) for liquids and more than 300 kilograms (660 pounds) for solids when spilled in water) for all highlighted materials. The list is further subdivided into daytime and nighttime situations. This is necessary due to varying atmospheric conditions which greatly affect the size of the hazardous area. The distances change from daytime to nighttime due to different mixing and dispersion conditions in the air. During the night, the air is generally calmer and this causes the material to disperse less and therefore create a toxic zone which is greater than would usually occur during the day. During the day, a more active atmosphere will cause a greater dispersion of the material resulting in a lower concentration of the material in the surrounding air. The actual area where toxic levels are reached will be smaller (due to increased dispersion). In fact, it is the quantity or concentration of the material vapor that poses problems not its mere presence.

The "Initial Isolation Distance" is a distance within which all persons should be considered for evacuation in all directions from the actual spill/leak source. It is a distance (radius) which defines a circle (Initial Isolation Zone) within which persons may be exposed to dangerous concentrations upwind of the source and may be exposed to life threatening concentrations downwind of the source. For example, in the case of Compressed gas, toxic, n.o.s., ID No. 1955, Inhalation Hazard Zone A, the isolation distance for small spills is 100 meters (300 feet), therefore, representing an evacuation circle of 200 meters (600 feet) in diameter.

For the same material, the "Protective Action Distance" for a small spill is 0.5 kilometers (0.3 mile) for a daytime incident and 2.2 kilometers (1.4 miles) for a nighttime incident, these distances represent a downwind distance from the spill/leak source within which Protective Actions could be implemented. Protective Actions are those steps taken to preserve the health and safety of emergency responders and the public. People in this area could be evacuated and/or sheltered in-place. For more information, consult pages 285 to 291.

What is a TIH? It is a gas or volatile liquid which is known to be so toxic to humans as to pose a hazard to health during transportation, or in the absence of adequate data on human toxicity, is presumed to be toxic to humans because when tested on laboratory animals it has a Lethal Concentration 50 (LC50) value of not more than 5000 ppm.

It is important to note that even though the term zone is used, the hazard zones do not represent any actual area or distance. The assignment of the zones is strictly a function of their Lethal Concentration 50 (LC50); for example, TIH Zone A is more toxic than Zone D. All distances which are listed in the green-bordered pages are calculated by the use of mathematical models for each TIH material. For the assignment of hazard zones refer to the glossary.

Table 2 lists, by ID number order, materials that produce large amounts of Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH) gases when spilled in water and identifies the TIH gases produced. These Water Reactive materials are easily identified in **Table 1** as their name is immediately followed by (**when spilled in water**). Some Water Reactive materials are also TIH materials themselves (e.g., Bromine trifluoride (1746), Thionyl chloride (1836), etc.). In these instances, two entries are provided in **Table 1** for land-based and water-based spills. If the Water Reactive material is NOT a TIH and this material is NOT spilled in water, **Table 1** and **Table 2** do not apply and safety distances will be found within the appropriate orange-bordered guide.

Table 3 provides, by alphabetical order of material name, initial isolation and protective action distances for six Toxic Inhalation Hazard materials that may be more commonly encountered. The selected materials are:

- Ammonia, anhydrous (UN1005)
- Chlorine (UN1017)
- Ethylene oxide (UN1040)
- Hydrogen chloride (UN1050) and Hydrogen chloride, refrigerated liquid (UN2186)
- Hydrogen fluoride (UN1052)
- Sulfur dioxide/Sulphur dioxide (UN1079)

The table provides Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances for large spills (more than 208 liters or 55 US gallons) involving different container types (therefore different volume capacities) for day time and night time situations and different wind speeds.

ISOLATION AND EVACUATION DISTANCES

Isolation or evacuation distances are shown in the guides (orange-bordered pages) and in the Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances (green-bordered pages). This may confuse users not thoroughly familiar with ERG2012.

It is important to note that some guides refer only to non-TIH materials (36 guides), some refer to both TIH and non-TIH materials (21 guides) and some (5 guides) refer only to TIH or Water-reactive materials (WRM). A guide refers to both TIH and non-TIH materials (for example see GUIDE 131) when the following sentence appears under the title EVACUATION-Spill: “See Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances for highlighted materials. For non-highlighted materials, increase, in the downwind direction, as necessary, the isolation distance shown under ‘PUBLIC SAFETY.’” A guide refers only to TIH or WRM materials (for example see GUIDE 124) when the following sentence appears under the title EVACUATION-Spill: “See Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances”. If the previous sentences do not appear in a guide, then this particular guide refers only to non-TIH materials (for example see GUIDE 128).

In order to identify appropriate isolation and protective action distances, use the following:

If you are dealing with a **TIH/WRM/Chemical warfare** material (highlighted entries in the index lists), the isolation and evacuation distances are found directly in the green-bordered pages. The guides (orange-bordered pages) also remind the user to refer to the green-bordered pages for evacuation specific information involving highlighted materials.

If you are dealing with a **non-TIH material but the guide refers to both TIH and non-TIH materials,** an immediate isolation distance is provided under the heading PUBLIC SAFETY as a precautionary measure to prevent injuries. It applies to the non-TIH materials only. In addition, for evacuation purposes, the guide informs the user under the title EVACUATION-Spill to increase, for non-highlighted materials, in the downwind direction, if necessary, the immediate isolation distance listed under "PUBLIC SAFETY". For example, GUIDE 131 – Flammable Liquids-Toxic, instructs the user to: "As an immediate precautionary measure, isolate spill or leak area for at least 50 meters (150 feet) in all directions." In case of a large spill, the isolation area could be expanded from 50 meters (150 feet) to a distance deemed as safe by the On-scene commander and emergency responders.

If you are dealing with a **non-TIH material and the guide refers only to non-TIH materials,** the immediate isolation and evacuation distances are specified as actual distances in the guide (orange-bordered pages) and are not referenced in the green-bordered pages.

Note 1: If an entry is highlighted in green in either the yellow-bordered or blue-bordered pages AND THERE IS NO FIRE, go directly to Table 1 - Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances (green-bordered pages) and look up the ID number and name of material to obtain initial isolation and protective action distances. IF THERE IS A FIRE, or IF A FIRE IS INVOLVED, ALSO CONSULT the assigned guide (orange-bordered pages) and apply as appropriate the evacuation information shown under PUBLIC SAFETY.

Note 2: If the name in **Table 1** is shown with "***When Spilled In Water***", these materials produce large amounts of Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH) gases when spilled in water. Some Water Reactive materials are also TIH materials themselves (e.g., Bromine trifluoride (1746), Thionyl chloride (1836), etc.). In these instances, two entries are provided in **Table 1** for land-based and water-based spills. If the Water Reactive material **is NOT** a TIH and this material **is NOT** spilled in water, **Table 1** and **Table 2** do not apply and safety distances will be found within the appropriate orange-bordered guide.

PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Street Clothing and Work Uniforms. These garments, such as uniforms worn by police and emergency medical services personnel, provide almost no protection from the harmful effects of dangerous goods.

Structural Fire Fighters' Protective Clothing (SFPC). This category of clothing, often called turnout or bunker gear, means the protective clothing normally worn by fire fighters during structural fire fighting operations. It includes a helmet, coat, pants, boots, gloves and a hood to cover parts of the head not protected by the helmet and facepiece. This clothing must be used with full-facepiece positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). This protective clothing should, at a minimum, meet the OSHA Fire Brigades Standard (29 CFR 1910.156). Structural fire fighters' protective clothing provides limited protection from heat and cold, but may not provide adequate protection from the harmful vapors or liquids that are encountered during dangerous goods incidents. Each guide includes a statement about the use of SFPC in incidents involving those materials referenced by that guide. Some guides state that SFPC provides limited protection. In those cases, the responder wearing SFPC and SCBA may be able to perform an expedient, that is quick "in-and-out", operation. However, this type of operation can place the responder at risk of exposure, injury or death. The incident commander makes the decision to perform this operation only if an overriding benefit can be gained (i.e., perform an immediate rescue, turn off a valve to control a leak, etc.). The coverall-type protective clothing customarily worn to fight fires in forests or wildlands is not SFPC and **is not** recommended nor referred to elsewhere in this guidebook.

Positive Pressure Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). This apparatus provides a constant, positive pressure flow of air within the facepiece, even if one inhales deeply while doing heavy work. Use apparatus certified by NIOSH and the Department of Labor/Mine Safety and Health Administration in accordance with 42 CFR Part 84. Use it in accordance with the requirements for respiratory protection specified in OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 (Respiratory Protection) and/or 29 CFR 1910.156 (f) (Fire Brigades Standard). Chemical-cartridge respirators or other filtering masks are not acceptable substitutes for positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus. Demand-type SCBA does not meet the OSHA 29 CFR 1910.156 (f)(1)(i) of the Fire Brigades Standard. If it is suspected that a Chemical Warfare Agent (CW) is involved, the use of NIOSH-certified respirators with CBRN protection are highly recommended.

Chemical Protective Clothing and Equipment. Safe use of this type of protective clothing and equipment requires specific skills developed through training and experience. It is generally not available to, or used by, first responders. This type of special clothing may protect against one chemical, yet be readily permeated by chemicals for which it was not designed. Therefore, protective clothing should not be used unless it is compatible with the released material. This type of special clothing offers little or no protection against heat and/or cold. Examples of this type of equipment have been described as (1) Vapor Protective Suits (NFPA 1991), also known as Totally-Encapsulating Chemical Protective (TECP) Suits or Level A* protection (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120, Appendix A & B), and (2) Liquid-Splash

Protective Suits (NFPA 1992 & 1993), also known as Level B* or C* protection (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120, Appendix A & B) or suits for chemical/biological terrorism incidents (NFPA 1994), class 1, 2 or 3 Ensembles and Standard CAN/CGSB/CSA-Z1610-11 – Protection of first responders from chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) events (2011). No single protective clothing material will protect you from all dangerous goods. Do not assume any protective clothing is resistant to cold and/or heat or flame exposure unless it is so certified by the manufacturer (NFPA 1991 5-3 Flammability Resistance Test and 5-6 Cold Temperature Performance Test).

* Consult glossary for additional protection levels under the heading “Protective Clothing”.

FIRE AND SPILL CONTROL

FIRE CONTROL

Water is the most common and generally most available fire extinguishing agent. Exercise caution in selecting a fire extinguishing method since there are many factors to be considered in an incident. Water may be ineffective in fighting fires involving some materials; its effectiveness depends greatly on the method of application.

Fires involving a spill of flammable liquids are generally controlled by applying a fire fighting foam to the surface of the burning material. Fighting flammable liquid fires requires foam concentrate which is chemically compatible with the burning material, correct mixing of the foam concentrate with water and air, and careful application and maintenance of the foam blanket. There are two general types of fire fighting foam: regular and alcohol-resistant. Examples of regular foam are protein-base, fluoroprotein, and aqueous film forming foam (AFFF). Some flammable liquids, including many petroleum products, can be controlled by applying regular foam. Other flammable liquids, including polar solvents (flammable liquids which are water soluble) such as alcohols and ketones, have different chemical properties. A fire involving these materials cannot be easily controlled with regular foam and requires application of alcohol-resistant foam. Polar-solvent fires may be difficult to control and require a higher foam application rate than other flammable liquid fires (see NFPA/ANSI Standards 11 and 11A for further information). Refer to the appropriate guide to determine which type of foam is recommended. Although it is impossible to make specific recommendations for flammable liquids which have subsidiary corrosive or toxic hazards, alcohol-resistant foam may be effective for many of these materials. The emergency response telephone number on the shipping document, or the appropriate emergency response agency, should be contacted as soon as possible for guidance on the proper fire extinguishing agent to use. The final selection of the agent and method depends on many factors such as incident location, exposure hazards, size of the fire, environmental concerns, as well as the availability of extinguishing agents and equipment at the scene.

WATER REACTIVE MATERIALS

Water is sometimes used to flush spills and to reduce or direct vapors in spill situations. Some of the materials covered by the guidebook can react violently or even explosively with water. In these cases, consider letting the fire burn or leaving the spill alone (except to prevent its spreading by diking) until additional technical advice can be obtained. The applicable guides clearly warn you of these potentially dangerous reactions. These materials require technical advice since

(1) water getting inside a ruptured or leaking container may cause an explosion;

(2) water may be needed to cool adjoining containers to prevent their rupturing (exploding) or further spread of the fires;

(3) water may be effective in mitigating an incident involving a water-reactive material only if it can be applied at a sufficient flooding rate for an extended period; and

(4) the products from the reaction with water may be more toxic, corrosive, or otherwise more undesirable than the product of the fire without water applied.

When responding to an incident involving water-reactive materials, take into account the existing conditions such as wind, precipitation, location and accessibility to the incident, as well as the availability of the agents to control the fire or spill. Because there are variables to consider, the decision to use water on fires or spills involving water-reactive materials should be based on information from an authoritative source; for example, a producer of the material, who can be contacted through the emergency response telephone number or the appropriate emergency response agency.

VAPOR CONTROL

Limiting the amount of vapor released from a pool of flammable or corrosive liquids is an operational concern. It requires the use of proper protective clothing, specialized equipment, appropriate chemical agents, and skilled personnel. Before engaging in vapor control, get advice from an authoritative source as to the proper tactics.

There are several ways to minimize the amount of vapors escaping from pools of spilled liquids, such as special foams, adsorbing agents, absorbing agents, and neutralizing agents. To be effective, these vapor control methods must be selected for the specific material involved and performed in a manner that will mitigate, not worsen, the incident.

Where specific materials are known, such as at manufacturing or storage facilities, it is desirable for the dangerous goods response team to prearrange with the facility operators to select and stockpile these control agents in advance of a spill. In the field, first responders may not have the most effective vapor control agent for the material available. They are likely to have only water and only one type of fire fighting foam on their vehicles. If the available foam is inappropriate for use, they are likely to use water spray. Because the water is being used to form a vapor seal, care must be taken not to churn or further spread the spill during application. Vapors that do not react with water may be directed away from the site using the air currents surrounding the water spray. Before using water spray or other methods to safely control vapor emission or to suppress ignition, obtain technical advice, based on specific chemical name identification.

BLEVE (Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion)

The following section presents, in a two-page format, background information on BLEVEs and includes a chart that provides important safety-related information to consider when confronted with this type of situation involving Liquefied Petroleum Gases (LPG), UN1075. LPGs include the following flammable gases; Butane, UN1011; Butylene, UN1012; Isobutylene, UN1055; Propylene, UN2077; Isobutane, UN1969; and Propane, UN1978.

What are the main hazards from a BLEVE?

The main hazards from a propane or LPG BLEVE are:

- fire
- thermal radiation from the fire
- blast
- projectiles

The danger from these decreases as you move away from the BLEVE centre. The furthest reaching hazard is projectiles.

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For a free download or to order a DVD of the video ***BLEVE Response and Prevention***, please visit <*http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/tdg/bleve-1119.htm*> or contact us at 1-888-830-4911, or by Email: MPS@tc.gc.ca.

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BLEVE – SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Use with caution. The following table gives a summary of tank properties, critical times, critical distances and cooling water flow rates for various tank sizes. This table is provided to give responders some guidance but it should be used with caution.

Tank dimensions are approximate and can vary depending on the tank design and application.

Minimum time to failure is based on ***severe torch fire impingement*** on the vapour space of a tank in good condition, and is approximate. Tanks may fail earlier if they are damaged or corroded. Tanks may fail minutes or hours later than these minimum times depending on the conditions. It has been assumed here that the tanks are not equipped with thermal barriers or water spray cooling.

Minimum time to empty is based on an engulfing fire with a properly sized pressure relief valve. If the tank is only partially engulfed then time to empty will increase (i.e., if tank is 50% engulfed then the tanks will take twice as long to empty). Once again, it has been assumed that the tank is not equipped with a thermal barrier or water spray.

Tanks equipped with thermal barriers or water spray cooling significantly increase the times to failure and the times to empty. A thermal barrier can reduce the heat input to a tank by a factor of ten or more. This means it could take ten times as long to empty the tank through the Pressure Relief Valve (PRV).

Fireball radius and emergency response distance is based on mathematical equations and is approximate. They assume spherical fireballs and this is not always the case.

Two safety distances for public evacuation. The minimum distance is based on tanks that are launched with a small elevation angle (i.e., a few degrees above horizontal). This is most common for horizontal cylinders. The preferred evacuation distance has more margin of safety since it assumes the tanks are launched at a 45 degree angle to the horizontal. This might be more appropriate if a vertical cylinder is involved.

It is understood that these distances are very large and may not be practical in a highly populated area. However, it should be understood that the risks increase rapidly the closer you are to a BLEVE. Keep in mind that the furthest reaching projectiles tend to come off in the zones 45 degrees on each side of the tank ends.

Water flow rate is based on $\sqrt[5]{\text{capacity (USgal)}}$ = usgal/min needed to cool tank metal.

Warning: the data given are approximate and should only be used with extreme caution. For example, where times are given for tank failure or tank emptying through the pressure relief valve – these times are typical but they can vary from situation to situation. Therefore, never risk life based on these times.

BLEVE
(USE WITH CAUTION)

Capacity		Diameter		Length		Propane Mass		Minimum time to failure for severe torch	Approximate time to empty for engulfing fire	Fireball radius		Emergency response distance		Minimum evacuation distance		Preferred evacuation distance		Cooling water flow rate	
Litres	(Gallons)	Meters	(Feet)	Meters	(Feet)	Kilograms	(Lbs)	Minutes	Minutes	Meters	(Feet)	Meters	(Feet)	Meters	(Feet)	Meters	(Feet)	Litres/min	USgal/min
100	(38.6)	0.3	(1)	1.5	(4.9)	40	(88)	4	8	10	(33)	90	(295)	154	(505)	307	(1007)	94.6	25
400	(154.4)	0.61	(2)	1.5	(4.9)	160	(353)	4	12	16	(53)	90	(295)	244	(801)	488	(1601)	189.3	50
2000	(772)	0.96	(3.2)	3	(9.8)	800	(1764)	5	18	28	(92)	111	(364)	417	(1368)	834	(2736)	424	112
4000	(1544)	1	(3.3)	4.9	(16.1)	1600	(3527)	5	20	35	(115)	140	(459)	525	(1722)	1050	(3445)	598	158
8000	(3088)	1.25	(4.1)	6.5	(21.3)	3200	(7055)	6	22	44	(144)	176	(577)	661	(2169)	1323	(4341)	848	224
22000	(8492)	2.1	(6.9)	6.7	(22)	8800	(19400)	7	28	62	(203)	247	(810)	926	(3038)	1852	(6076)	1404	371
42000	(16212)	2.1	(6.9)	11.8	(38.7)	16800	(37037)	7	32	77	(253)	306	(1004)	1149	(3770)	2200	(7218)	1938	512
82000	(31652)	2.75	(9)	13.7	(45)	32800	(72310)	8	40	96	(315)	383	(1257)	1435	(4708)	2200	(7218)	2710	716
140000	(54040)	3.3	(10.8)	17.2	(56.4)	56000	(123457)	9	45	114	(374)	457	(1499)	1715	(5627)	2200	(7218)	3539	935

CRIMINAL/TERRORIST USE OF CHEMICAL/BIOLOGICAL/RADIOLOGICAL AGENTS

The following is intended to supply information to first responders for use in making a preliminary assessment of a situation that they suspect involves criminal/terrorist use of chemical, biological agents and/or radioactive materials (CBRN). To aid in the assessment, a list of observable indicators of the use and/or presence of a CB agent or radioactive material is provided in the following paragraphs. This section ends with a Safe Standoff Distance Chart for various threats when Improvised Explosive Devices are involved.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND RADIOLOGICAL AGENT

Chemical and biological agents as well as radioactive materials can be dispersed in the air we breathe, the water we drink, or on surfaces we physically contact. Dispersion methods may be as simple as opening a container, using conventional (garden) spray devices, or as elaborate as detonating an improvised explosive device.

Chemical Incidents are characterized by the rapid onset of medical symptoms (minutes to hours) and easily observed signatures (colored residue, dead foliage, pungent odor, dead insects and animals).

Biological Incidents are characterized by the onset of symptoms in hours to days. Typically, there will be no characteristic signatures because biological agents are usually odorless and colorless. Because of the delayed onset of symptoms in a biological incident, the area affected may be greater due to the movement of infected individuals.

Radiological Incidents are characterized by the onset of symptoms, if any, in days to weeks or longer. Typically, there will be no characteristic signatures because radioactive materials are usually odorless and colorless. Specialized equipment is required to determine the size of the affected area, and whether the level of radioactivity presents an immediate or long-term health hazard. Because radioactivity is not detectable without special equipment, the affected area may be greater due to the migration of contaminated individuals.

At the levels created by most probable sources, not enough radiation would be generated to kill people or cause severe illness. In a radiological incident generated by a “dirty bomb”, or Radiological Dispersal Device (RDD), in which a conventional explosive is detonated to spread radioactive contamination, the primary hazard is from the explosion. However, certain radioactive materials dispersed in the air could contaminate up to several city blocks, creating fear and possibly panic, and requiring potentially costly cleanup.

INDICATORS OF A POSSIBLE CHEMICAL INCIDENT

Dead animals/birds/fish — Not just an occasional road kill, but numerous animals (wild and domestic, small and large), birds, and fish in the same area.

Lack of insect life — If normal insect activity (ground, air, and/or water) is missing, check the ground/water surface/shore line for dead insects. If near water, check for dead fish/aquatic birds.

INDICATORS OF A POSSIBLE CHEMICAL INCIDENT (Continued)

Unexplained odors	Smells may range from fruity to flowery to sharp/pungent to garlic/ horseradish-like to bitter almonds/peach kernels to new mown hay. It is important to note that the particular odor is completely out of character with its surroundings.
Unusual numbers of dying or sick people (mass casualties)	Health problems including nausea, disorientation, difficulty in breathing, convulsions, localized sweating, conjunctivitis (reddening of eyes/nerve agent symptoms), erythema (reddening of skin/vesicant symptoms) and death.
Pattern of casualties	Casualties will likely be distributed downwind, or if indoors, by the air ventilation system.
Blisters/rashes	Numerous individuals experiencing unexplained water-like blisters, weals (like bee stings), and/or rashes.
Illness in confined area	Different casualty rates for people working indoors versus outdoors dependent on where the agent was released.
Unusual liquid droplets	Numerous surfaces exhibit oily droplets/film; numerous water surfaces have an oily film. (No recent rain.)
Different looking areas	Not just a patch of dead weeds, but trees, shrubs, bushes, food crops, and/or lawns that are dead, discolored, or withered. (No current drought.)
Low-lying clouds	Low-lying cloud/fog-like condition that is not consistent with its surroundings.
Unusual metal debris	Unexplained bomb/munitions-like material, especially if it contains a liquid.

INDICATORS OF A POSSIBLE BIOLOGICAL INCIDENT

Unusual numbers of sick or dying people or animals	Any number of symptoms may occur. Casualties may occur hours to days after an incident has occurred. The time required before symptoms are observed is dependent on the agent used.
Unscheduled and unusual spray being disseminated	Especially if outdoors during periods of darkness.
Abandoned spray devices	Devices may not have distinct odors.

INDICATORS OF A POSSIBLE RADIOLOGICAL INCIDENT

Radiation Symbols	Containers may display a “propeller” radiation symbol.
Unusual metal debris	Unexplained bomb/munitions-like material.

INDICATORS OF A POSSIBLE RADIOLOGICAL INCIDENT (continued)

Heat-emitting material	Material that is hot or seems to emit heat without any sign of an external heat source.
Glowing material	Strongly radioactive material may emit or cause radioluminescence.
Sick people/animals	In very improbable scenarios there may be unusual numbers of sick or dying people or animals. Casualties may occur hours to days or weeks after an incident has occurred. The time required before symptoms are observed is dependent on the radioactive material used, and the dose received. Possible symptoms include skin reddening or vomiting.

PERSONAL SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

When approaching a scene that may involve CB agents or radioactive materials, the most critical consideration is the safety of oneself and other responders. Protective clothing and respiratory protection of appropriate level of safety must be used. In incidents where it is suspected that CBRN materials have been used as weapons, NIOSH-certified respirators with CBRN protection are highly recommended. Be aware that the presence and identification of CB agents or radioactive materials may not be verifiable, especially in the case of biological or radiological agents. The following actions/measures to be considered are applicable to either a chemical, biological or radiological incident. The guidance is general in nature, not all encompassing, and its applicability should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Approach and response strategies. Protect yourself and use a safe approach (minimize any exposure time, maximize the distance between you and the item that is likely to harm you, use cover as protection and wear appropriate personal protective equipment and respiratory protection). Identify and estimate the hazard by using indicators as provided above. Isolate the area and secure the scene; potentially contaminated people should be isolated and decontaminated as soon as possible. To the extent possible, take measures to limit the spread of contamination. In the event of a chemical incident, the fading of chemical odors is not necessarily an indication of reduced vapor concentrations. Some chemicals deaden the senses giving the false perception that the chemical is no longer present.

If there is any indication that an area may be contaminated with radioactive materials, including the site of any non-accidental explosion, responder personnel should be equipped with radiation detection equipment that would alert them if they are entering a radiologically compromised environment, and should have received adequate training in its use. This equipment should be designed in such a way that it can also alert the responders when an unacceptable ambient dose rate or ambient dose has been reached.

Initial actions to consider in a potential CBRN/Hazmat Terrorism Event:

- Avoid using cell phones, radios, etc. within 100 meters (300 feet) of a suspect device
- NOTIFY your local police by calling 911.
- Set up Incident command upwind and uphill of the area.
- Do NOT touch or move suspicious packages/containers.
- Be cautious regarding potential presence of secondary devices (e.g. Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs).
- Avoid contamination.
- Limit access to only those responsible for rescue of victims or assessment of unknown materials or devices.
- Evacuate and isolate individuals potentially exposed to dangerous goods/hazardous materials.
- Isolate contaminated areas and secure the scene for analysis of material.

Decontamination measures. Emergency responders should follow standard decontamination procedures (flush-strip-flush). Mass casualty decontamination should begin as soon as possible by stripping (all clothing) and flushing (soap and water). If biological agents are involved or suspected, careful washing and use of a brush are more effective. If chemical agents are suspected, the most important and effective decontamination will be the one done within the first one or two minutes. If possible, further decontamination should be performed using a 0.5% hypochlorite solution (1 part household bleach mixed with 9 parts water). If biological agents are suspected, a contact time of 10 to 15 minutes should be allowed before rinsing. The solution can be used on soft tissue wounds, but must not be used in eyes or open wounds of the abdomen, chest, head, or spine. For further information contact the agencies listed in this guidebook.

For persons contaminated with radioactive material, remove them to a low radiation area if necessary. Remove their clothing and place it in a clearly marked sealed receptacle, such as a plastic bag, for later testing. Use decontamination methods described above, but avoid breaking the skin, e.g., from shaving, or overly vigorous brushing. External radiological contamination on intact skin surface rarely causes a high enough dose to be a hazard to either the contaminated person or the first responders. For this reason, except in very unusual circumstances, an injured person who is also radiologically contaminated should be medically stabilized, taking care to minimize the spread of the contamination to the extent possible, before decontamination measures are initiated.

Note: The above information was developed in part by the Department of National Defence (Canada), the U.S. Department of the Army, Aberdeen Proving Ground and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Improvised Explosive Device (IED)
SAFE STAND OFF DISTANCE

	Threat Description	Explosives Mass (TNT equivalent)[1]		Building Evacuation Distance[2]		Outdoor Evacuation Distance[3]	
High Explosives (TNT Equivalent)	**Pipe Bomb**	5 lbs	2.3 kg	70 ft	21 m	850 ft	259 m
	Suicide Belt	10 lbs	4.5 kg	90 ft	27 m	1,080 ft	330 m
	Suicide Vest	20 lbs	9 kg	110 ft	34 m	1,360 ft	415 m
	Briefcase/Suitcase Bomb	50 lbs	23 kg	150 ft	46 m	1,850 ft	564 m
	Compact Sedan	500 lbs	227 kg	320 ft	98 m	1,500 ft	457 m
	Sedan	1,000 lbs	454 kg	400 ft	122 m	1,750 ft	534 m
	Passenger/Cargo Van	4,000 lbs	1 814 kg	640 ft	195 m	2,750 ft	838 m
	Small Moving Van/ Delivery Truck	10,000 lbs	4 536 kg	860 ft	263 m	3,750 ft	1 143 m
	Moving Van/Water Truck	30,000 lbs	13 608 kg	1,240 ft	375 m	6,500 ft	1 982 m
	Semitrailer	60,000 lbs	27 216 kg	1,570 ft	475 m	7,000 ft	2 134 m

	Threat Description	LPG Mass/ Volume[1]		Fireball Diameter[4]		Safe Distance[5]	
Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG - Butane or Propane)	**Small LPG Tank**	20 lbs/5 gal	9 kg/19 L	40 ft	12 m	160 ft	48 m
	Large LPG Tank	100 lbs/25 gal	45 kg/95 L	69 ft	21 m	276 ft	84 m
	Commercial/ Residential LPG Tank	2,000 lbs/500 gal	907 kg/1 893 L	184 ft	56 m	736 ft	224 m
	Small LPG Truck	8,000 lbs/2,000 gal	3 630 kg/7 570 L	292 ft	89 m	1,168 ft	356 m
	Semitanker LPG	40,000 lbs/10,000 gal	18 144 kg/37 850 L	499 ft	152 m	1,996 ft	608 m

[1] Based on the maximum amount of material that could reasonably fit into a container or vehicle. Variations possible.

[2] Governed by the ability of an unreinforced building to withstand severe damage or collapse.

[3] Governed by the greater of fragment throw distance or glass breakage/falling glass hazard distance. These distances can be reduced for personnel wearing ballistic protection. Note that the pipe bomb, suicide belt/vest, and briefcase/ suitcase bomb are assumed to have a fragmentation characteristic that requires greater standoff distances than an equal amount of explosives in a vehicle.

[4] Assuming efficient mixing of the flammable gas with ambient air.

[5] Determined by U.S. firefighting practices wherein safe distances are approximately 4 times the flame height. Note that an LPG tank filled with high explosives would require a significantly greater standoff distance than if it were filled with LPG.