

Riverview Gardens - Municipality of Chatham-Kent

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CHEMICAL SPILL – ANNEX Z

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To ensure the safety and continued provision of services for residents in the event that a chemical spill occurs, Riverview Gardens will implement the following procedures.

Staff Responsibility

Department Heads

Department Supervisors/Managers are to ensure any products used by their department in the home have the appropriate MSDS onsite and that if special tools or equipment (including spill kits) are required for spills they are readily available.

Supervisors/Managers are to ensure their staff are familiar with the location of MSDS's of the products used and the appropriate clean-up methods for their products, including the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Procedures

Chemical Spill

1. Notify fellow workers in the area of the spill. Secure the area by restricting access and posting signs.
2. Remove any potential ignition sources and unplug nearby electrical equipment, if safe to do so.
3. Prevent any chemical from entering any drains.
4. Notify Supervisor/Manager/Charge Nurse of spill.
5. Gather and review safety information on the spilled chemical. Review the MSDS for a hazard assessment and other relevant information.
6. Locate any appropriate items for clean-up, such as a spill kit or products specified in the MSDS.
7. Put on the necessary PPE as outlined in the MSDS.
8. Confine and contain spill, cleaning up with the necessary absorbent material, disposing it in the appropriate disposal container.
9. Once the spill is cleaned up, do a secondary clean of the spill area with the specified product outlined in the MSDS.
10. Remove PPE and thoroughly wash hands.
11. Report incident/near miss to Charge Nurse, including any solutions to prevent a re-occurrence.

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Spill Kits

1. Spill kits are located in the following areas:
 - a. W257 – Housekeeping closet
 - b. W357 – Housekeeping Closet
 - c. W 457 – Housekeeping Closet
 - d. W557 – Housekeeping Closet
 - e. W657 – Housekeeping Closet
 - f. Penthouse
 - g. K104 Main Kitchen
2. Staff should report to their supervisor any time a spill kit is used to ensure it is adequately replenished as required.

First Aid Kit

Eye contact: If a chemical has been splashed into the eyes, immediately wash the eye and inner surface of the eyelid with copious amount of water for 15 minutes. Check for and remove any contact lenses at once. Seek medical attention immediately.

Ingestion: Call Ontario Poison Centre (OPC) 24/7 at 1-800-268-9017. Follow direction and seek medical attention immediately.

Minor Skin Contact: Promptly flush the affected area with water and remove any contaminated clothing. If symptoms persist after washing, seek medical attention.

Major Skin Contact: If chemicals have been spilled over a large area of the body, quickly remove all contaminated clothing and rinse body with water. Seek medical attention immediately.

Reporting

Ensure that the Director, Senior Services is informed immediately of the incident.

If the incident impacts the provision of care or the safety, security or well-being of one or more residents for a period of greater than six (6) hours, **a Critical Incident report must be filed no later than one (1) business day and sent to the Ministry of Long Term Care.**