

## 6. Contact authorities

Especially when dealing with environmentally hazardous liquids such as chemicals, acids and petroleum-based liquids, authorities have to be contacted. This way, any resources that the authorities may have - such as Fire Brigades, Ambulances etc. can be deployed. The authorities will also be able to give good advice as to how to deal with the spill. It might also be a good idea to contact insurance companies if such policies are in place.

## 7. Dispose of used clean up materials according to local regulations.

When using absorbent materials to clean up a spill - make sure that the local regulations are followed when it comes to disposing of materials. Note that the sorbents take on the characteristics of the absorbed material and should be disposed thereafter.

## 8. Re-stock clean up materials.

It may not seem important at the time, but it will become very important if another spill occurs and there is insufficient stock off materials for containment and clean up. It is comparable to having a fire and not having a fire extinguisher at hand. After reviewing point 9, it is suggested to return here and make sure all preparations are done and all materials are in place.

## 9. Review contingency plans and procedures

If one does not already have a contingency plan in place, one should seriously consider preparing one. It is very important to be prepared for "the worst". If one is prepared and has the proper procedures it is much easier to handle this type of situation. With proper preparation and adequate procedures it is much easier to handle this type of a situation. Consultants can assist in developing procedures and selecting materials. Most likely, your local distributor has good contacts for you.

What happened during the spill has to be reviewed and several questions have to be asked:

1. Do we have a plan to handle this kind of a situation?
2. Is this plan complete?
3. Do we have sufficient equipment and materials to handle the situation?
4. What corrective methods have to be taken?

