



## SPILLS

Should a spill of polluting substances or dangerous liquids occurs, it is essential to act rapidly. A timely action is possible thanks to a previous training and to the availability of absorbent material to soak up the spill (emergency spill kits).

First of all, it is necessary to consult the safety data sheets of the products, in order to verify:

- Dangers related to the substance/mixture
- Measures to be taken in the event of accidental release
- PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) to use in case of intervention

The First aid kit usually contains absorbent material such as clothes and socks combined with powders able to collect and stop the spilled substance, containers/bags suitable for waste disposal, PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and, sometimes, cleaning fluids to restore the area.

### OPERATING STEPS

Here are the steps to follow in the intervention procedure realized by Airbank:

|   |   | WHAT TO DO   |
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| 1 |  | Put on the Personal Protective Equipment supplied with the "emergency kit"                       |
| 2 |   | Block the flow of origin (stop the leak, close the valve, lift an overturned container, etc....) |
| 3 |  | Circumscribe the spill also in order to avoid environmental contaminations                       |

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| <p style="font-size: 2em; color: green; text-align: center;">4</p> |   | <p><b>Absorb / Neutralize the spilled liquid using cloths, socks, powders</b></p>   |
| <p style="font-size: 2em; color: green; text-align: center;">5</p> |  | <p><b>Pick up the used absorbents and put them in a suitable bag for storage and further disposal according to national and community laws in force</b></p> |

## HOW TO CHOOSE THE KIT

The kit must be chosen according to the substance that must be absorbed.

In case of oils and hydrocarbons spills, it is better to use the OIL ONLY products, while in case of aqueous solutions the UNIVERSAL products are more suitable. For chemicals it is instead necessary to choose the CHEM products, that are more resistant.

In the newsletter of next month, we will explain how to restore the area where the spill occurred, on the basis of the spilled substance.