

# YOUR GUIDE TO SPILL RESPONSE & REPORTING

## SPILLS HAPPEN. BE PREPARED.

All spills must be reported — When in doubt, report it!

### First Steps

#### If a Spill Happens: Act Fast

1. **Ensure human safety** — Prioritize the safety of yourself and others first.
2. **Stop the source** — If safe, shut off the source of the spill.
3. **Contain the spill** — Use available materials to stop the spill from spreading.
4. **Prevent spread to water** — Keep the spill from reaching waterways.
5. **Call 9-1-1** — If there is an immediate emergency.

### Reporting

All spills must be reported to the North Dakota Unified Spill Reporting System ([spill.nd.gov](http://spill.nd.gov)) with **no minimum reporting limit**. Any release that could impact water, air, or soil must be reported within 24 hours.

**By Phone**  
**1-833-99SPILL**

**Online**  
**[spill.nd.gov](http://spill.nd.gov)**

#### Information Needed:

- ✓ Contact information
- ✓ Volume and type of material
- ✓ Safety Data Sheet (if available)
- ✓ Date and time of spill
- ✓ GPS/location and facility name
- ✓ Cause/source of the spill
- ✓ Is the spill confined to the property?
- ✓ Impacts to water
- ✓ Containment/clean-up actions
- ✓ Photos (optional, but very helpful)



### Immediate Reporting

**Do I Need to Report a Spill?** Yes - all spills must be reported. There is no minimum.

IMMEDIATE reporting to 1-833-99SPILL is required if:

- ⚠ Public health is or may be impacted
- ⚠ Waters of the state are impacted or threatened
- ⚠ There are injuries or fatalities
- ⚠ There is a need for evacuation
- ⚠ Wildlife is immediately impacted

**Note:** Spills reported by phone must still be reported through [spill.nd.gov](http://spill.nd.gov) within 24 hours.

### Follow-Up (After Reporting)

- ✓ Notify all affected landowners
- ✓ Request permission to access land for clean up
- ✓ Keep landowners informed of assessment and remediation
- ✓ If access is denied, notify the NDDEQ promptly



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