Spill Types

Incidental Releases

- a release of a hazardous substance
- does not pose a significant safety or health hazard to employees in the immediate vicinity
- does not pose a significant safety or health hazard to the employees cleaning it up
- does not have the potential to become an emergency within a short time frame
- limited in quantity
- limited in exposure potential, or toxicity
- training under the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard or Chemical Safety in Lab
- example: small spill of pesticide concentrate onto solid surface during pesticide mixing

Releases with Special Circumstances

- a release of a hazardous substance
- release that is toxic, volatile, flammable, reactive, or corrosive
- requires responder to have special training
- should never be cleaned up by someone who doesn't feel comfortable doing so
- example: small to medium size spill of pesticide concentrate onto solid surface, can be cleaned up by a pesticide applicator who has access to the pesticide label
- example: small to medium size spill of acid used in hydroponics, can be cleaned up by person familiar with acid handling and neutralization procedures

Emergency Response Releases

- a release of a hazardous substance
- poses a sufficient threat to health and safety
- requires emergency response regardless of the circumstances surrounding the release
- example: large spill of pesticide concentrate anywhere where it cannot be contained or cleaned with the spill kit materials on hand
- example: large spill of fertilizer concentrate that makes it to a floor drain
- example: any spill that results in injury to a person

When in doubt about the size of a spill, and your ability to contain and clean it up, call for emergency assistance: CALL X 2499.

ALWAYS PUT SAFETY FIRST!!