



# UPDATE:

## Code Brown (EMER-100)

**Code Brown** is implemented in response to incidents where a potential or definite hazardous substance within the Hospital cannot be appropriately identified, managed, contained, cleaned, or disposed of by the affected department or external contractor due to volume, toxicity, reactivity, or any combination thereof.

### What's new?

Addition of SPILL acronym for the incident area (similar style to REACT acronym for Code Red):

- **S** – Safely evacuate everyone from the immediate area.
- **P** – Prevent the spread of fumes by closing doors, if possible.
- **I** – Initiate emergency response by calling Switchboard at “55”.
- **L** – Leave all electrical equipment, appliances, and switches alone.
- **L** – Locate all information regarding the spill; Give to the Code Brown Response Team upon their arrival.

**Process Reminders:** All workers must be aware of the characteristics of the hazardous materials used in their work area to determine if even a small spill warrants the activation of a Code Brown (see *Hazardous Material Release OHS-os-218*).

A **Code Brown** should be called when spill material is unknown or hazardous materials have been spilled and:

- Additional spill control/clean-up supplies are required and/or,
- The spill is too hazardous for the person involved to clean-up (e.g., a mixture of chemicals spilled) and/or,
- The spill is flammable and could ignite and/or,
- The spill will impact other areas and/or,
- Someone has been injured or is trapped in the room with the spilled materials.

**Code Brown** should not be called if workers have spill supplies, including all appropriate personal protective equipment, SDS is available, and are competent in cleaning up the spill.



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# Updated Response Algorithm

## Code Brown Process Map

