

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILL**

If a Hazardous Material (Haz/ Mat) container spills or situation occurs:

1. Mark the location so that it can easily be found.
2. **Notify the camp director immediately.**
3. Do not touch any of the Haz/ Mat or the area around it within a 25-foot radius of the spill.
4. Ranger will seal off the area as soon as possible with prominent markers or other warning devices.
5. Ranger will notify the local Fire Department (they will notify the DEP) for response.
6. Ranger will keep the area secure until the area is declared safe by the Fire Department and/ or DEC.
7. Keep all food, food handlers, and minor children out of the area.
8. Have the Medical Officer respond to render assistance.
9. Allow the authorities to deal with the matter.

NOTE: A Hazardous Material matter is a concern to the Federal Government. Once a Haz/ Mat situation of any magnitude is discovered, it **MUST** be handled by local and federal authorities, **NOT** by the council or camp or camp staff.

NOTE: Primary concern for the Camp is to seal off the area. Do not touch or remove any of the material. Notify the authorities. Don't concern yourself with why the incident occurred until the spill is contained and/ or removed.

Once the leak or spill is removed, the Camp should return to its normal activities. It is recommended that the area in question remain **OFF LIMITS** for the duration of the Camp season or whatever period is recommended by the authorities.

### **A GENERAL LIST OF HAZ/ MAT MATERIALS FOLLOWS:**

- \* Fuel in cans
- \* Acids
- \* Paint & Thinner
- \* Cleaning materials
- \* Unlabeled chemical substances
- \* Ground spills from oil or antifreeze
- \* Caustic (lye, ammonia, etc.)
- \* Chemicals
- \* ( All poisons come under Federal guidelines)

The definition of a Haz/ Mat incident would be: Any environmental incident involving a discharge of chemicals, fuels, or any unnatural material onto the ground or left in standing or stagnant water.

It's better to be safe than sorry. Upon notification, an advance team will be dispatched to the incident in question. They will arrive prior to the DEC response team. Cooperate with them in every way.