Chapter 20: Emergency Planning and Response

- "Accident" — "any release of a pesticide or pesticide mix from its container or application equipment which is contrary to label instructions, or which violates pesticide regulations."
Emergency Actions and Accident Reporting

- **Emergency Action**: When a pesticide accident occurs, you must take immediate action to protect human health and the environment.

- **Emergency containment measures**:
  - **Control** the spill and **Contain** it! Keep it from spreading — minimize the contaminated area.
Accident Reporting – All pesticide accidents must be reported immediately by telephone to either:

- Agency of Agriculture
- Department of Public Safety

HazMat # 1-800-641-5005 or 911
Clean Up Spill

- **Be prepared!**
  - Have written plan outlining steps to take in the event of a spill.
  - Have spill kit and decontamination kit handy.
  - Follow any specific guidance provided by pesticide authorities.
- **NEVER hose down spills with water!!**
Spill Kit

- Absorbent Materials
  - Cat litter, Vermiculite, Spill Pillows, Activated Charcoal
- Broom & Plastic dust pan
- Shovel
- Lime
- Heavy-duty detergent
- Heavy duty plastic bags
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Plastic, sealable container
- Marker - to label container
Decontamination Kit

- Assemble in a 5 gallon pail
  - Clean Water
  - Single Use Towels
  - Disposable Coveralls
  - Soap
  - Eyewash bottle
  - Bag for contaminated materials