

Warehouse Safety – Planning for Emergencies

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Nature of an emergency

- Fire, flood, explosion, loss of key staff etc.
- Location
- Time-scales
- Time
- Insufficient insurance
- Legal action (regulatory body / civil claim)

Prevention is better than cure

- Knowing there's a issue to correct
- Being able to correct the issue
- Maintenance
- Risk assessment
- Access to site / opportunists
- People and training

Mitigating potential effects

- Identification
- Intervention
- Containment
- Evacuation
- Reporting
- Evaluation and rectification

Understand what you've got

- Inherent safety measures
 - Active measures
 - Passive measures
- The fine line between bravery and stupidity:
 - Fire-fighting staff
 - Automatic suppression

And so ... the cavalry arrive

- What can you tell them?
- How do you tell them?
- Can they hold the information?
- Can you explain it?
- Is there a permanent designated key-holder?

How to recover?

- Fire kills businesses as well as lives
- Duplicate records
 - Suppliers
 - Customers
 - Contacts
- Alternative site until you've found your feet
- Retaining staff

Thank you

Do you have any questions?