

Code Brown – Chemical Spill Procedure

A Code Brown will be called when:

- A spill is greater than four (4) litres (if less than 4 litres, initiate a clean-up within your department, reference the material safety data sheet (MSDS)). Inform your supervisor **OR**
- A spill is more than four (4) litres and is a chemical or other hazardous spill that presents a hazard and requires more resources and /or requires specialized clean up measures.

The person discovering the hazardous chemical spill will notify the Registered Nurse.
Remain calm.
If possible, attempt to clear the area.

Duties of Registered Nurse:

- Once notified, take control of the overall situation.
- With the information provided, assess the need to call a Code Brown (as per above).
- Over the Audio Emergency Call System (found at one of the Fire panels) make the following announcement three times, slowly and distinctly:
“Code Brown, location; Code Brown, location, Code Brown, location. All staff complete Code Brown responsibilities: residents, visitors please wait for further instructions.”
- Notify the Manager on Call. If necessary the Manager on Call will activate the Emergency Telephone call back to bring extra staff in to assist.

- The Manager on Call will notify the Administrator who will if necessary notify the media.
- If safe to do so in referencing the MSDS and using the required personal protective equipment attempt to control the situation.
- If product is unknown and unsafe to be around, isolate the area(close doors) and evacuate as necessary.
- Confirm the necessary immediate actions with staff including ability for clean up, possible evacuation of the area to ensure health and safety and welfare of residents, staff and visitors.
- Depending upon the circumstances, degree or volume of spill, proceed to

If needed call the Fire Department or 911, verify the event and their ability to assist.

On evenings nights and weekends call the Maintenance Coordinator 613-340-4155; advise of situation and request assistance.

- Communicate with emergency responders.

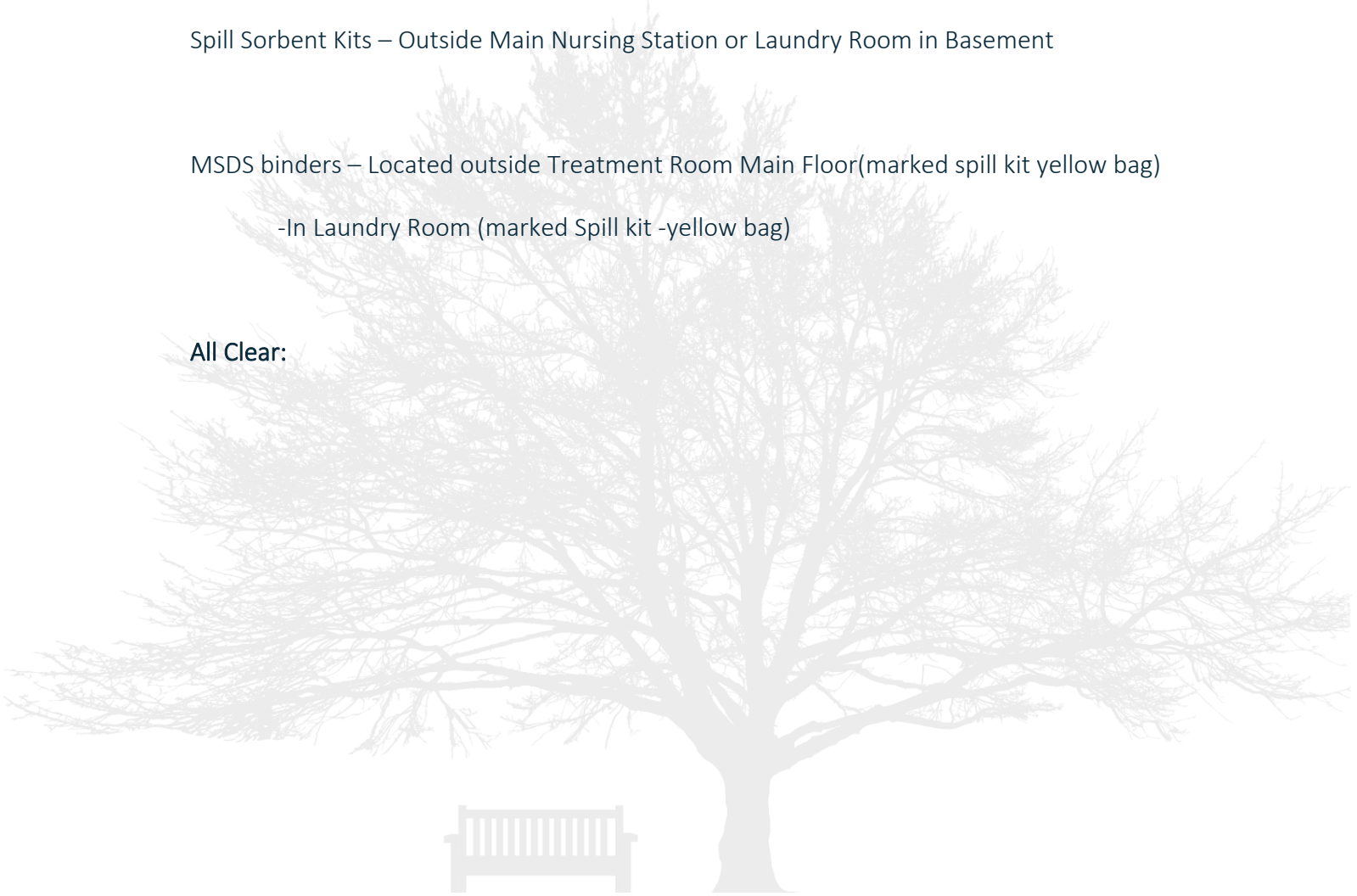
Equipment Required:

Spill Sorbent Kits – Outside Main Nursing Station or Laundry Room in Basement

MSDS binders – Located outside Treatment Room Main Floor(marked spill kit yellow bag)

-In Laundry Room (marked Spill kit -yellow bag)

All Clear:



Once spill has been cleaned up and it is safe to do so, the Registered Nurse, using the Audio Emergency Call System at Fire Alarm Panels, will make the following announcement three times slowly and distinctly:

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” Your attention please: **Code Brown all clear; all staff report back to regular duties.**” 3 times.

