

Emergencies Involving Reactives

Reactives are highly dangerous chemicals. Some may explode at the slightest movement. Others may explode on contact with air.

Before you work with reactives...



- ☞ Know the location of the nearest eyewash stations, safety showers and fresh air sources.
- ☞ Read the MSDS and container label for each chemical.
- ☞ Learn your company's emergency plan.
- ☞ Learn first aid skills, including CPR.
- ☞ Ask your supervisor for information if there is anything you still don't understand about handling reactives.

In an emergency...

- ☞ Leave the area quickly, unless you are trained to handle the emergency.
- ☞ Close all doors to the emergency area.
- ☞ If possible, from the outside, turn off flames or equipment that can spark.
- ☞ If possible, open windows to ventilate the area.
- ☞ Get medical help for any injuries.
- ☞ Perform first aid if necessary.



**Reactives demand a quick reaction.
Find out what to do before an emergency happens.**