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# Task 1

- **Evaluate the statement.**
- **Use at least one Fact Sheet to prepare your answer.**

**I**n your group, evaluate the statement below. Prepare a short response that explains why you agree or disagree with the statement. Use your own experience and the fact sheets in this section to develop your answer .

**You have been asked by the Health and Safety Committee** at your workplace to respond to a worker who made the following statement:

“We have spills every now and then, but nothing really dangerous. It's not like we have big emergencies. We had to clear the area once or twice just because there was a little smoke or something. Everyone was back at work within a few minutes though.

We've cleaned up lots of spills on our own, and we've never had any problems. All you have to do is use your head-it's common sense. If it's a really bad one, we know we're supposed to call in the local fire department and their haz mat experts.”

Please select a recorder to write down your group's answer and a reporter to explain your response to the rest of the class. Include why you should be careful and what can go wrong. Refer to any fact sheet # or page # you used in your answer .

**Write your group's response here-** Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why?