

The States of Guernsey is committed to your safety and we are working continuously to make sure that our community is suitably prepared for emergencies.

As part of this responsibility, the States has put together a plan to deal with any major incident or emergency at the fuel storage facilities in the Bridge area.

Our aim is to prevent major accidents involving dangerous substances but if they do occur, limit their effect on the community and the environment.

**This safety advice does not mean that risks have increased.** In fact, as a result of the relevant agencies working closely together and coordinating their efforts, and a review of all the fuel operators plans, local residents are now safer in the highly unlikely event of a major incident. Please read this leaflet carefully and talk to your family about it. Keep it in a safe place and don't forget to leave it behind for the next occupier, should you move house.

For your own safety please cooperate with any instructions or requests made by the emergency services at the time of an incident.

If you are advised that an incident has taken place at one of the fuel storage

facilities you should keep calm **'Go in, Stay in and Tune in'**. This means:

#### **Go in:**

Close and stay away from all external windows and doors, switch off ventilation and heating appliances, extinguish all flames. Don't smoke. Don't collect the children from school. The schools will have been informed of the incident and will be taking precautionary measures to protect school children.

#### **Stay in:**

Follow the instructions given by the emergency services. Don't use the phone, so lines are kept free for emergency use. Wait inside until the all clear is sounded or you're given further advice.

#### **Tune in:**

Listen to local radio for up to date information. In the event of an incident in the area, local radio stations will be informed and requested to issue warnings. Broadcasts will be made regularly to keep you informed.

BBC Radio Guernsey on FM 93.2 MHz - 1116MW - [www.bbc.co.uk/guernsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/guernsey)

or

Island FM on FM 104.7 MHz - [www.islandfm.com](http://www.islandfm.com)

### **Site Operators**

As part of our contingency planning site operators must:

- Complete a detailed health, safety and environment risk assessment and reduce risks as far as reasonably practicable;
- Inform their neighbors of the nature and hazards of dangerous substances;
- Draw up detailed emergency plans with the States of Guernsey and the emergency services to deal with a fire or other emergency on their sites.

### **Site Activities**

The fuel facilities are both for storage and distribution of a number of substances including petrol, diesel, aviation fuel and Liquid Petroleum Gas.

Some of these substances are highly flammable, however, we understand the dangers of working with these products and all the facilities are built to very high engineering standards. Thorough safety reviews are carried out at all stages of their design, construction and operation so that they meet the requirements of Health & Safety Regulations.

## Fuel Storage Facilities Major Incident Safety Advice



### Major Accident Hazards

Should one of these dangerous substances leak or become unstable, then the potential outcomes at the site are:

- Fire involving flammable or highly flammable liquids or Liquefied Petroleum Gas;
- Explosion involving flammable or highly flammable liquids or Liquefied Petroleum Gas;
- Environmental impact from smoke, or from the contamination of water and soil;
- Longer term fuel supply and fuel storage issues which may result in fuel rationing.

Only in the most extreme circumstances is it possible that the effects of such events would reach local residents or businesses.

All our operating procedures focus on recognising and eliminating hazards before they cause an accident or have any effect on the surrounding community or environment.

Safe operation is our highest priority and we place particular emphasis on training and working to safe procedures. All facilities include extensive firefighting equipment and firewater coverage, and personnel are highly trained to respond to an emergency. Regular exercises of both our on-site and off-site emergency plans are carried out and all companies work closely with the emergency services to make sure our plans are as effective as possible.

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