

REPORTING ON SECTION 30 INCIDENTS

CONTROL OF INCIDENTS: Section 30 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998)

Section 30 incidents can cause harm to people, property and the environment

DEFINITION OF A SECTION 30 INCIDENT:

“incident” means an unexpected, sudden and uncontrolled release of a hazardous substance, including from a major emission, fire or explosion, that causes, has caused or may cause significant harm to the environment, human life or property.”

The incident must involve the accidental and unexpected release of a substance that is hazardous.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHEN REPORTING THE SECTION 30 INCIDENT:

- 1 GPS coordinates of the incident site, or a physical address
- 2 Type of incident e.g. a truck roll-over, explosion, or a leak etc.
- 3 The toxicity of the substance spilled
- 4 Risks posed by the incident to people, property or the environment
- 5 The action to be taken to mitigate the effects of the incident

To report a
Section 30
incident
CLICK HERE

IF YOU DON'T REPORT YOU COULD END UP IN COURT!

Report all Section 30 incidents to Provincial, National and Local Government:

Western Cape Government Department of Environmental Affairs & Development Planning
Amina.Sulaiman@westerncape.gov.za | Simon.Botha@westerncape.gov.za

National Department Environmental Affairs
complaints@environment.gov.za | omagapa@environment.gov.za

Include the relevant local and district municipalities where the incident occurred.
[Click here for municipality contact information.](#)

For further information contact:

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By reporting Section 30 incidents we protect our constitutional right to an environment that is not harmful to our health and wellbeing **BETTER TOGETHER.**



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