



GAS & UNKNOWN CONTAINERS



IF THE HAZARD IS UNKNOWN, FOLLOW THREE STEPS:

RECOGNIZE

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Stop work. Do not investigate yourself.

ISOLATE

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Leave and keep others away from the area.

NOTIFY

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Report to the right personnel.



WHY IT MATTERS



Unknown containers can appear in any waste stream and may contain hazardous materials. Landfill gases such as methane and hydrogen sulfide can create serious fire, explosion, and health hazards. Quick isolation and notification help protect employees, contractors, and emergency responders.



TIPS & ACTIONS



STOP WORK IMMEDIATELY IF YOU DISCOVER AN UNKNOWN CONTAINER.



DO NOT OPEN, SNIFF, SHAKE, OR MOVE AN UNKNOWN CONTAINER.



ESTABLISH A SAFE PERIMETER AND KEEP OTHERS AWAY FROM THE AREA.



IF A GAS MONITOR ALARMS, LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT IT.



FOLLOW DECONTAMINATION PROCEDURES AND AVOID TAKING CONTAMINANTS HOME ON CLOTHING, BOOTS, OR EQUIPMENT.

**WHEN THE HAZARD IS UNKNOWN, THE SAFEST RESPONSE IS SIMPLE:
RECOGNIZE IT, ISOLATE IT, AND NOTIFY THE RIGHT PEOPLE.**