

Oil Fuel Depot (OFD) Public Information Notice

Safety is the number one priority at all the OPA sites and all reasonable steps are taken to prevent accidents or incidents of any type. To this end, both the OPA and the local authorities have prepared emergency plans to counter the effects of an incident in the unlikely event that one might occur.

If a major accident were to occur at an OPA operated site, the public will be alerted by the Emergency Services, Site Manager or Duty Security Officer.

About the OFDs

The core activities undertaken at the various depots are the storage of fuel in bulk storage tanks and the transfer of fuel to and from the depot jetties by pipeline. The fuels stored at the OFD's are middle distillates comprising Aviation and diesel fuels.

Each site is operated and maintained by experienced personnel with extensive knowledge of storing and handling each product.

What are the possible risks?

The possibility of a leak or spill at the site is unlikely but cannot be discounted. A spill or leak could potentially affect local areas and, if sufficiently large or long lasting, the fuel could travel beyond the site boundary and into a watercourse or any low-lying areas.

There are many safety systems in place to ensure that the site operates correctly and ensure that such events are prevented from occurring.

Unlike petrol, a high energy source is required to ignite these fuels, which means that they are less flammable and therefore safer to transport and handle. In the extremely unlikely event of a fire at the site, it is possible that the effects of the fire will extend beyond the site boundary. For instance, a smoke plume may travel several miles and can cause minor irritation. However, should such an incident occur, the emergency services will be mobilised very quickly to deal with the situation.

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR SAFETY

GO IN, TUNE IN, STAY IN!

GO IN

When notified, everyone must go inside immediately.

Shut all outside doors and windows.

Pull curtains/blinds across windows facing the Oil Fuel Depot.

Turn off any ventilation, heating or air conditioning system that draws in air from the outside.

Stay in a room that does not face the Oil Fuel Depot.

Please do **not try to leave the area unless told to evacuate.**

TUNE IN

Tune in to the local radio and TV stations which will broadcast further information.

Advice about the action to take will also be available on the local authority website.

STAY IN

Remain indoors until you receive instructions.

If children are at school – **do not attempt to collect them – they will be looked after until it is safe to go outside.**

Please co-operate with the emergency services and follow their instructions.

An 'all clear' will be given when it is safe to go outside.