

Public Information

Operating in renionsince **Emergency** Response

Dear Neighbour,

The purpose of this leaflet is to ensure your safety by providing relevant information on the actions that should be taken in the very unlikely event of an incident occurring at James M. Brown Ltd, that could have off-site effects. We take the safety of our people, community, and the environment with the upmost importance, ensuring the risk to all remains extremely low. To achieve this we work closely with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), Environment Agency (EA), local council, and the emergency services.

James M. Brown is a chemical manufacturer and distributor, specialising in colour pigments and have been operating at this site since 1926. In the manufacturing of our products we utilise, under strict conditions, materials that have been classified as toxic, oxidising, and harmful to the environment. We take all appropriate steps to ensure the materials we use do not adversely affect our people, community, or the environment.

As part of the Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) regulations which we are subject to, we produce a safety report which has been approved by the competent authority (HSE). Included within the report is our worst-case scenarios that could affect people and the environment. These include fire, creation of toxic gas, dust explosion and release to the environment. In all cases the likelihood of these occurrences affecting anyone off-site are less than 1 in 10,000 years. The report also demonstrates how we prevent occurrences, by adhering to robust procedures, providing sufficient training to our people, and the implementation of rigorous controls.



In the very unlikely event a major accident was to arise, an effective emergency response plan has been developed by the local council in consultation with James M. Brown and the emergency services. These plans are tested at regular intervals.

The HSE and EA inspectors regularly visit throughout the year to confirm our operations are conducted in a safe manner. In addition to this we conduct our own internal checks as part of our Safety, Health, and Environmental (SHE) management system.

Please study the emergency response information overleaf and ensure that all members of your household are familiarised with them.

Please discard any older versions you may have received. Additional information or copies of this leaflet can be obtained on request from James M. Brown Ltd or found on our website www.jamesmbrown.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE

1. WARNING OF DANGER

In the event of a major emergency the site will sound a public warning siren. This will be a continuous tone, sounding for more than 90 seconds. The warning siren may be repeated during an emergency.

Note: Our public warning siren will be tested on the first Monday of every month at 1:45-2:00pm for 5-10 seconds. Except on public and bank holidays where it will be tested the following day.

2. GO TO A PLACE OF SAFETY

On hearing the siren, go immediately into your house or nearest building.

Stay indoors unless you are given special instructions by the emergency services.

3. MAKE THE PLACE SAFE

Close all external windows and doors. Turn off ventilation systems.

Stay calm.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION

In the event of a major emergency, information will be notified to you by the emergency services. Information may be provided on:

- Social media (only follow advice from emergency services)
- BBC Radio Stoke on DAB or 94.6 & 104.1 FM.

5. ALL CLEAR

Remain indoors until you receive information from the emergency services that the incident is over, and the area is safe.