



CANUTEC, the Canadian Transport Emergency Centre operated by Transport Canada, is a free national advisory service that assists emergency response personnel in handling dangerous goods emergencies on a 24/7 basis. CANUTEC's vision is to promote public safety by being widely recognized leaders in the provision of chemical emergency response advice, to support emergency preparedness and response in the transportation of dangerous goods sector across Canada. CANUTEC's services can be of significant value to the members of the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) in the ongoing efforts to advocate for public and firefighter safety. CANUTEC is committed to support fire departments and first responders.

CANUTEC's services include providing advice on:

- chemical, physical and toxicological properties of dangerous goods
- possible product incompatibilities and stabilities
- health hazards and first aid measures
- fire, explosion, spill or leak mitigation techniques
- remedial actions for the protection of life, property and the environment
- isolation and evacuation distances
- selection of PPE and equipment, and their decontamination procedures



CANUTEC also offers a range of services and resources to support first responders, including training sessions, simulations, exercises, and awareness presentations tailored to the specific needs and challenges faced by your members. An awareness video to showcase CANUTEC's services and how our Emergency Response Advisors handle emergency calls can be [found here](#).

Given the growing complexity of the transportation of dangerous goods and the potential risks to public safety, it would be beneficial for the members of O AFC to familiarize themselves with CANUTEC's services. By leveraging CANUTEC's expertise and resources, fire departments across Canada can better protect responders, the public, and the environment during incidents involving dangerous goods.

Whether O AFC members need technical support during an incident involving dangerous goods, or have questions about the services CANUTEC offer, never hesitate to contact us. Emergency response advisors will be happy to chat. CANUTEC can be reached at:

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(613) 996-6666

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