

UTAH HSEES & UNIS

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The Utah Department of Health participates in the Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) Program funded by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Information regarding spills and releases of hazardous substances throughout Utah are reported to the HSEES program.

The goal of HSEES is to reduce injuries and death that result from hazardous substances events, which are experienced by first responders, employees, and the general public.

When a release occurs in your area HSEES can alert your agency/organization using the Utah Notification and Information System (UNIS).

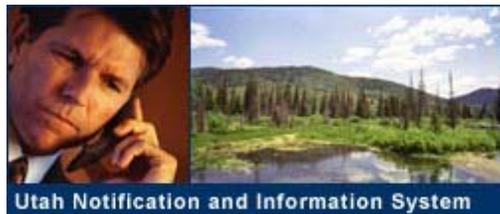


UNIS

The Utah Notification and Information System (UNIS) is a secure notification and communication system that exchanges information within and between agencies and organizations throughout Utah.

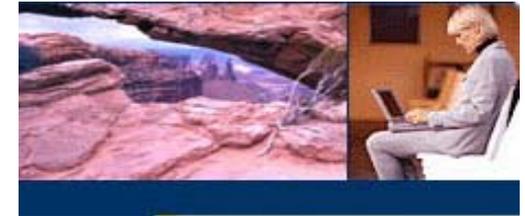
The main function of UNIS is to send notifications to users. UNIS also allows users to share information on a secure document library web site. UNIS does not function as a listserv.

When registered in UNIS, you can receive alerts for emergency or urgent situations and for county or state exercises. You can also receive messages and updates on situations and notices when the system is being tested.



BENEFITS

There is no monetary cost for agencies to participate in UNIS. To register into UNIS, email: Unis@utah.gov. If you are already a user on the system, it is a simple process to grant permission to be in the HSEES group. By joining the HSEES UNIS group your agency will benefit from the timely notification of the hazardous substance releases that occur in your area. You may also use UNIS to alert the HSEES program of a hazardous substance release in your area.



Using the Utah Notification and Information System (UNIS) to alert for Hazardous Substance Releases:

For example: A release of hydrochloric acid in a residential area has been reported. HSEES personnel will send a notification to HSEES UNIS group users such as Hospitals, Public Information Officers, Health Departments, Emergency Managers, Red Cross, etc. This alert will notify users with timely details of the release.

JOIN THE UNIS HSEES GROUP

To register for UNIS, please email:

Unis@utah.gov



To join the HSEES group on UNIS, please contact the Utah HSEES Coordinator.

Phone: (801) 538-6191

Email: EEP@utah.gov



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If you have information on a release please contact us by email, phone or fax. It is helpful to receive the reports within 48 hours of the incident.

Phone: 801-538-6191

Fax: 801-538-6564

E-mail: EEP@utah.gov

Website: www.health.utah.gov/enviroepi

ATSDR Website:

www.atsdr.cdc.gov//HS/HSEES/hsees.html

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