



Department of Fire Services Hazardous Materials Response Teams

Six Hazardous Materials Response Teams are distributed across Massachusetts to support the fire service with the release or threat of release of hazardous materials 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To consult with or activate a Hazardous Materials Response Team, call:

877-385-0822

and follow the appropriate prompts.

You will be asked for:

- Nature of the incident
- City/town and street address of the incident
- Incident commander's name and number

Levels of Response

- **JHIRT** – Joint Hazard Incident Response Team – Contained suspicious powders, assessment of clandestine laboratories, and/or activation of Clandestine Lab Enforcement Team
- **Tier 1** – Hazardous & Risk Assessment – Release or threat of release of hazardous materials or any suspicious or unknown substances in any form (gas, liquid, or solid)
- **Tier 2** – Short Term Operation – limited release
- **Tier 3** – Long Term Operation – large release
- **Tier 4** – Multi District Response – multi-operational period
- **Tier 5** – WMD/Mass Contamination – full system response