



## HSE Bulletin # 244

### Don't let a small leak...

The pictures show how rapidly a small water leak at a construction site became a large and catastrophic leak. The pictures were taken just a few minutes apart!

This incident reminds us in the process industries that it is important to report and repair any leaks that we detect in piping or other equipment. **ALL leaks, no matter how small, are potentially dangerous.** Leaks of toxic, combustible, or flammable materials usually have higher risks, but, as shown in the pictures, a leak of any material can be dangerous. A small leak of a very toxic material can be immediately dangerous, and a small leak of a flammable or less toxic material may grow rapidly and convert into major fire, explosion, or health hazard.



### What can we do?

- Immediately report any near miss/incident.
- Follow up to ensure that corrective action has been taken in a timely manner.

***There is no such thing as a “small” leak!***