

# Public Safety

## Kwinana Industries Committed to Public Safety

Since 1991, the major Kwinana industries have been working together through the Kwinana Industries Council (KIC) to provide a forum focussed on joint industry emergency response and public safety.

In 2002, this structure became the Kwinana Industries Public Safety group (KIPS) and is designed to address the need for a cooperative and effective approach to managing public safety in the Kwinana Industrial Area (KIA).

It also provides a mechanism for member companies to meet their own obligations under the requirements of both the *WA Occupational Safety and Health Act* and the MHF requirements of the *Dangerous Goods Safety Act*. The group also works as a committee of the KIC, seeking to improve inter-member communication about safety issues and to foster a KIA-wide approach to safety issues.

This includes the sharing of equipment and resources, the installation of an inter-industry emergency radio network and regular joint emergency exercises.



## Tests of Emergency Alarms/ Sirens

As part of industry's commitment to workplace health and safety, and a safer community, several companies conduct weekly tests of their emergency alarms/sirens.

The installation and testing of the alarms/sirens is an integral part of the Kwinana Industries Mutual Aid (KIMA) scheme that has been established by the companies to share emergency response expertise, manpower and resources in the event of a major incident.

Siren testing times are available at [www.kic.org.au/Public\\_Safety.asp](http://www.kic.org.au/Public_Safety.asp)

## Kwinana Industries Public Safety Liaison Group (KIPSLG)

Kwinana Industries Public Safety Liaison Group (KIPSLG) was formed primarily in response to the regulatory requirement for KIA's Major Hazard Facilities to communicate and liaise with the community and their industrial neighbours. It brings together KIC member companies and a range of key stakeholders including:

- Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA)
- WA Police Service (WAPS)
- State Government regulatory authorities
- Local Councils and
- Community representatives.

KIPSLG meets once a quarter, on the second Monday of February, May, August and November.

KIPSLG meets the requirements of Plastics and Chemical Industries Association "Responsible Care" initiative, industry's "Right to Know" Code of Practice and the Major Hazard Facility requirements of National Standard for Control of Major Hazardous Facilities and the requirements for ongoing consultation between industry, community, and regulatory authorities.

It also provides liaison between industry and emergency services organisations.



## Community Information Service 1300 304 346

The Kwinana Industries Council Community Information Service aims to provide up to date information about public safety, environmental and other industry issues in the KIA.

The KIC strongly encourages its members to use this service. Examples of activities or incidents where it is recommended industry leave a message on the Community Information Services include:

- Planned maintenance or shutdowns
- Out of the norm operational activities that may cause increased noise levels, odours or visual impacts
- Planned and 'unexpected' emergency exercises
- Events which may have an effect beyond the immediate boundaries of a member's operations.
- Emergency events

The community can obtain information on specific companies or on general industry issues by dialling 1300 304 346 and then following the voice prompts using the touchpad numbers on their telephone.

The Community Information Service is an initiative of KIC, which also provides an after hours contact list for major member companies and the 24 hour contact line for the environmental regulator.

This information is available at [www.kic.org.au/IAHC.asp](http://www.kic.org.au/IAHC.asp)