

Responsible Care® at BASF



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Responsible Care is a voluntary initiative of the chemical industry to continuously improve in the areas of environmental protection, health and safety. Companies in the chemical industry and associations in more than 50 countries support this initiative. Since 1992, BASF is committed to the principles of Responsible Care and has established company-wide binding Responsible Care rules and objectives.

Responsible Care principles also constitute a central element of sustainable business management at BASF. Our core business – the development, production, processing and transport of chemicals – demands a responsible approach. The protection of people and the environment is our top priority. We systematically address risks with a comprehensive Responsible Care Management System, which is constantly being further developed.

Responsible Care Management System

BASF's Responsible Care Management System comprises the global policies, standards and procedures for safety, security, health and environmental protection for the various steps along our value chain – from the transportation of raw materials, activities at our sites and warehouses, and distribution of our products to the safe handling of the products by our customers. The Responsible Care Management System forms the superordinate framework and applies globally throughout the BASF Group.




Responsible Care codes

Product Stewardship




We care for the safety of our products from research and development through production and all the way to our customers' application. We are committed to minimizing the negative effects of our products on the environment, health and safety along the value chain – from development to disposal. We work continuously to ensure that our products pose no risk to people or the environment when they are used responsibly and in the manner intended.

 **For more information:** <https://www.basf.com/en/company/sustainability/management-and-instruments/responsible-care/product-stewardship-and-global-product-strategy.html>

Transportation and Storage




We want our products to be safely loaded, transported, handled and stored. This is why we depend on reliable logistics partners, global standards and an effective organization. Our goal is to minimize risks along the entire transportation chain – from loading and transportation to unloading. Our requirements and measures for transportation and warehouse safety cover the delivery of raw materials, the storage and distribution of chemical products among BASF sites and customers, including the transportation of waste from our sites to the disposal facilities.

 **For more information:** <https://www.basf.com/en/company/sustainability/environment/safety/distribution-safety.html>

Occupational Safety


Safety of our employees, contractors, neighbors and the environment is our top priority. Risk-conscious working behavior is promoted for every individual working at BASF through measures like systematic hazard assessments, specific and ongoing qualification measures and global safety initiatives. We also promote regular dialogue across different sites to strengthen risk awareness among our employees and contractors, to learn from examples of good practice and in this way, continually develop the safety culture.

 **For more information:** <https://www.basf.com/en/company/sustainability/employees-and-society/employees/occupational-safety.html>



Health

Our global health management serves to promote and maintain the health and productivity of our employees. Our goal is to protect and maintain each employee's health at the workplace and to assist in assuring that BASF products do not pose health risks to employees, customers, neighbors or consumers when handled properly. Our vision is to prevent work-related diseases to the greatest extent possible.

 **For more information:** <https://www.basf.com/en/company/sustainability/employees-and-society/employees/occupational-medicine-and-health-protection.html>



Environment

In line with our Responsible Care Commitment, we combine economic success, social responsibility and environmental protection. Through research and innovation, we support our customers in all relevant industry sectors to preserve the environment today and in the future. Our products and systems solutions help conserve resources, ensure healthy nutrition, and improve the quality of life.

Our efforts to further reduce emissions along the value chain and our climate protection products make an important contribution.

 **For more information:** <https://www.basf.com/en/company/sustainability/environment/value-chain.html>




Process Safety



Process safety is a core part of safe and efficient production. We meet high safety standards in planning, construction and operation of our plants around the world.


Our global process safety standards provide the framework for the safe construction and operation of our plants as well as the protection of people and the environment. We periodically perform in-depth audits of our plants and update their safety concepts where necessary. By continuously adapting to the latest technical standards, we are always improving our level of safety from process development to the ongoing operation of our facilities.


 **For more information:** <https://www.basf.com/en/company/sustainability/environment/safety/process-safety.html>

Emergency Response & Security



We are well prepared for crisis situations thanks to our global crisis management system. In the event of a crisis, our global, regional or local emergency response plans and crisis management structures are engaged, depending on the impact. We also protect our employees, sites and company know-how against third-party interference. Around the world, we sensitize all employees about protecting information and our company's know-how.


 **For more information on Emergency Response:** <https://www.basf.com/en/company/sustainability/environment/safety/emergency-response.html>

 **For more information on Security:** <https://www.basf.com/en/company/sustainability/employees-and-society/employees/security.html>

Energy



We are committed to energy efficiency and global climate protection. Providing our production sites with a reliable supply of energy is a prerequisite for optimized and economical production. We increase energy efficiency along the value chain and utilize, for example, modern technologies for generating steam and electricity, energy-efficient production processes, and comprehensive energy management.

 **For more information:** <https://www.basf.com/en/company/sustainability/environment/energy-and-climate-protection/energy-efficiency.html>

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