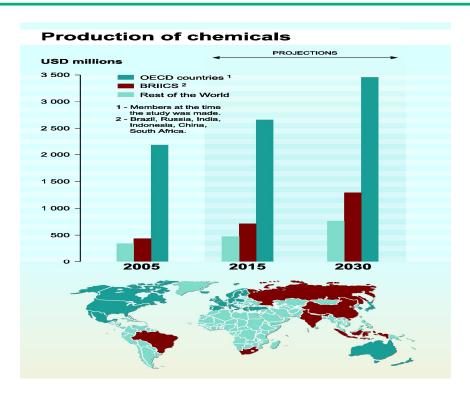


The Public Health Management of Chemical Incidents: Key Points

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Trends in Chemical Production



Source: OECD (2008); Environmental Outlook to 2030



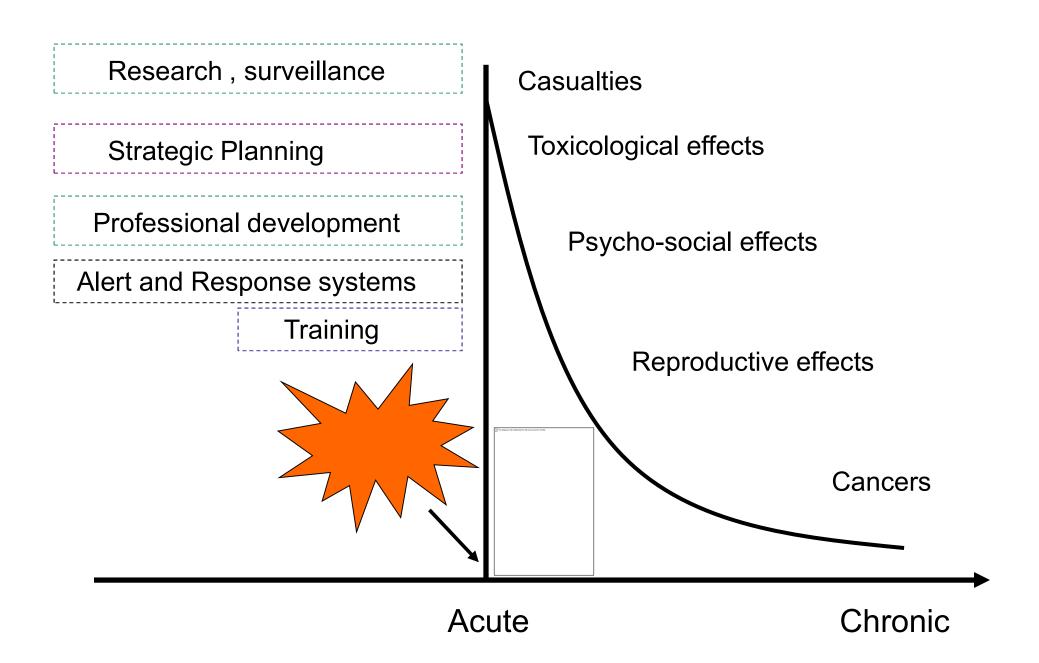
Types of Chemical Incident

- Technological
- Complex
- Deliberate
- Natural
- Disease Outbreaks



Emergency preparedness

Emergency Response





Key Roles of Public Health

- To identify hazards pertaining to communities.
- To prioritise risks and contribute to mitigating risks e.g. land use planning, development of community scenarios.
- To plan and prepare accordingly.
- To contribute to unified command and control structures as part of integrated emergency management.
- To promote recovery post incident by means of integrating clinical, laboratory and epidemiological investigation.
- To empower communities through engagement, risk and crisis communication.