

<b>M</b>	<b>MAJOR INCIDENT</b>	Has a major incident been declared? (Yes/No – If 'No', then complete ETHANE message)	Include the date and time of any declaration.
<b>E</b>	<b>EXACT LOCATION</b>	What is the exact location or geographical area of the incident?	Be as precise as possible, using a system that will be understood by all responders.
<b>T</b>	<b>TYPE OF INCIDENT</b>	What kind of incident is it?	For example, flooding, fire, utility failure or disease outbreak.
<b>H</b>	<b>HAZARDS</b>	What hazards or potential hazards can be identified?	Consider the likelihood of a hazard and the potential severity of any impact.
<b>A</b>	<b>ACCESS</b>	What are the best routes for access and egress?	Include information on inaccessible routes and rendezvous points (RVPs). Remember that services need to be able to leave the scene as well as access it.
<b>N</b>	<b>NUMBER OF CASUALTIES</b>	How many casualties are there, and what condition are they in?	Use an agreed classification system such as P1; P2; P3 and dead.
<b>E</b>	<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	Which, and how many, emergency responder assets and personnel are required or are already on-scene?	Consider whether the assets of wider emergency responders, such as local authorities or the voluntary sector, may be required.