

# Fire prevention strategy



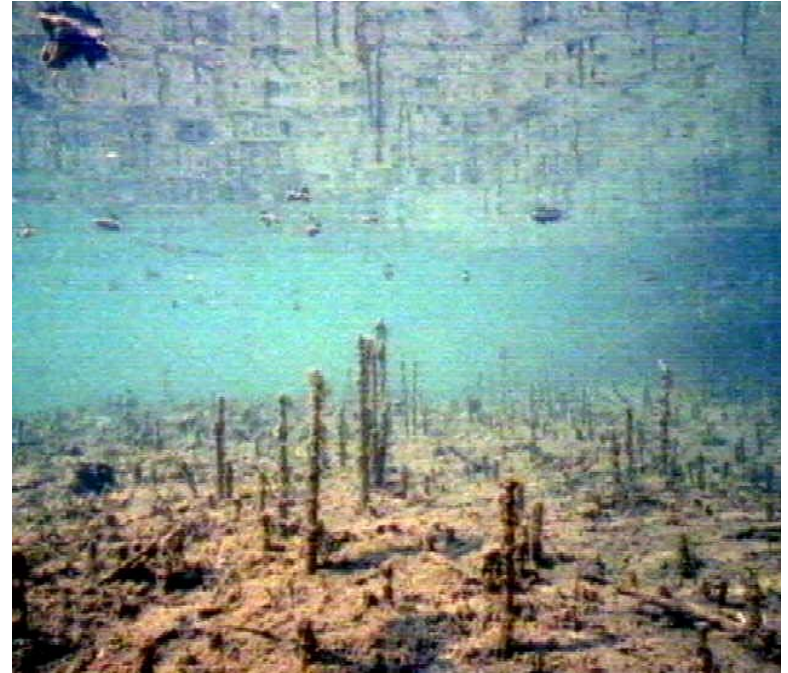
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**3 November, 1986:** Explosion causing a large fire-outbreak at Sandoz in Switzerland, where substances harmful to water (chlorinated pesticide and toxic products of combustion) flowed into the Rhine.

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The Rhine was considerably damaged as a result and this led to the destruction of the whole living organism in the Rhine and the supply of portable water for the whole region had to be suspended.

## ICPR recommendations

**1.1 Collecting basins for spilled dangerous substances must be adequately dimensioned and must be liquid-proofed and resistant to the substances**

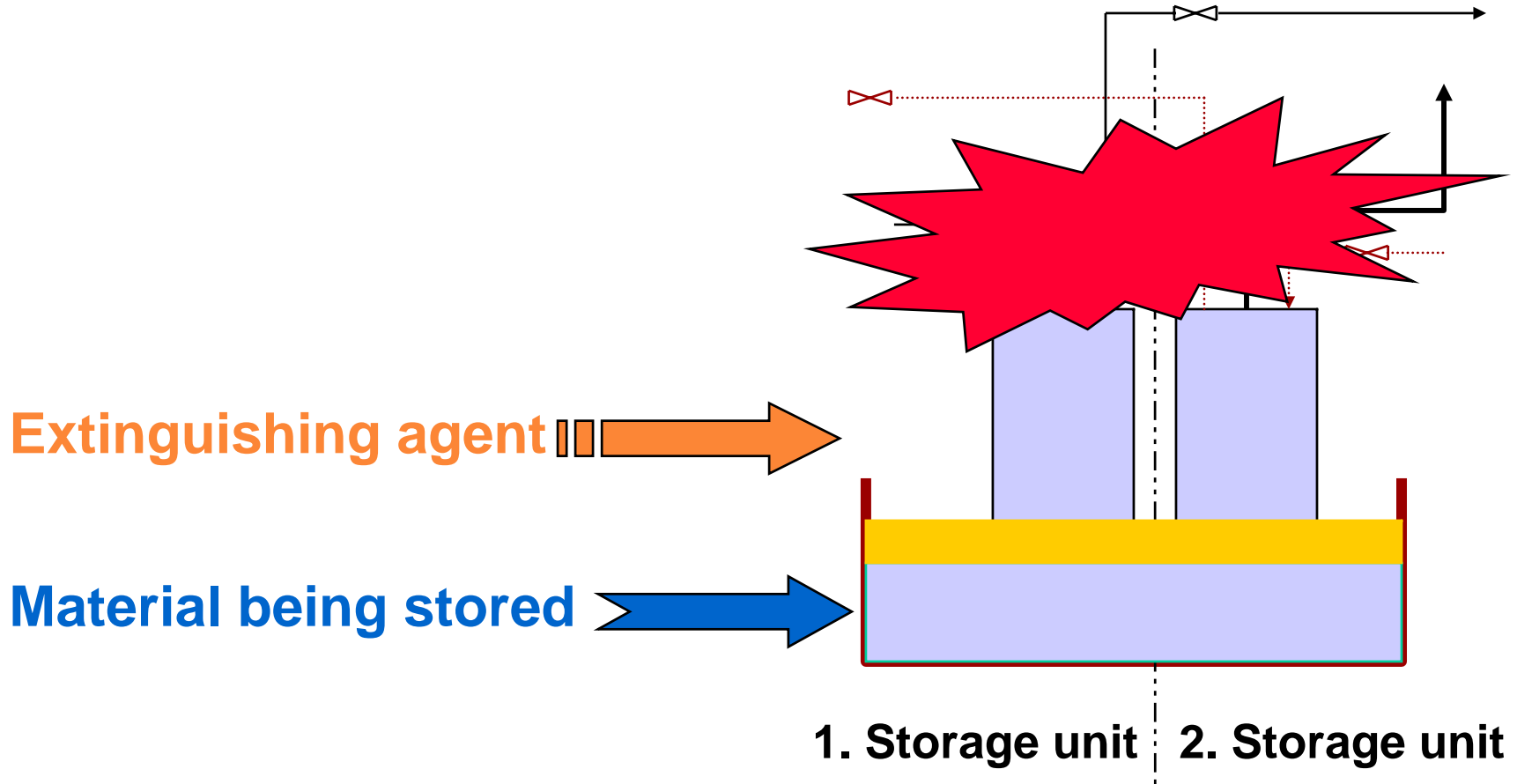
**1.2. Retention facilities for fire fighting water must be liquid-proofed and resistant to the fire fighting water.**

 **Are these volumes the same but only named otherwise?**

 **If they are not the same, are they maybe of the same quantity?**

 **If not, how can it be estimated?**

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## Containment capacity for available medium (storage unit consisting tanks, Production plant)

For the calculation of the capacity, see the paper on „storage“

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Rainwater

50 l/m<sup>2</sup>

To simplify  
Add a freeboard of about 5 cm

## Containment capacity for extinguishing agent:

Containment of fire fighting water is **necessary**

**combustible material**

**WHC 1**  
more than 100 t

**WHC 2**  
more than 10 t

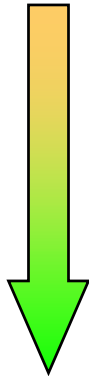
**WHC 3**  
more than 1 t

## Containment capacity for extinguishing agent not necessary:

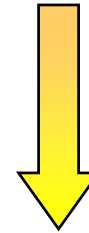
Containment of fire fighting water is **not necessary**



**for non-combustible material**



**for container installed totally beneath the earth surface**



**for double shell container made of steel with a volume of up to 100 m<sup>3</sup>, equipped with an approved Leakage indicator (LAG)**



## Containment capacity for extinguishing agent: (For combustible liquids)

$$V_G = V_p + W_L + W_B + V_{Sch} - P - E$$

$V_G$  = Total capacity

$V_p$  = capacity for combustible liquid in  $m^3$

## Containment capacity for extinguishing agent: (For combustible liquids)

$$V_G = V_p + W_L + W_B + V_{Sch} - P - E$$

$W_L$  = Amount of water from the extinguishing agent in  $m^3$   
multiply with the assessment factors  $F_G$ ,  $F_L$  und  $F_F$

**Assessment factor  $F_G$**  for the **capacity of the containment** ( $F_G$  von 0,8-1,1)

**Assessment factor  $F_L$**  for the type of **extinction/extinguisher** ( $F_L = 1,1$  for mobile fire fighting equipment, up to 0,8 for stationary automatic extinguisher including automatic fire alarm unit)

**Assessment factor  $F_F$**  for **fire fighting by fire brigade** ( $F_F = 1,0$  for internal fire brigade and 1,1 for public fire brigade)

## Containment capacity for extinguishing agent: (For combustible liquid)

$$V_G = V_p + W_L + W_B + V_{Sch} - P - E$$

$W_B$  = Amount of water in  $m^3$  from the **sprinkler** (cooling), as long as it got mixed with the fire fighting water  $W_L$ , multiply with the assessment factors  $F_G$ ,  $F_L$  und  $F_F$

$V_{Sch}$  = volume of **extinguishing foam** in  $m^3$  when a 50 percentage decomposition of the foam is assumed after being applied

## Containment capacity for extinguishing agent: (For combustible liquid)

$$V_G = V_p + W_L + W_B + V_{Sch} - P - E$$

**P** = combustible liquid being pumped to a **neighbouring secondary containment** or into a different container

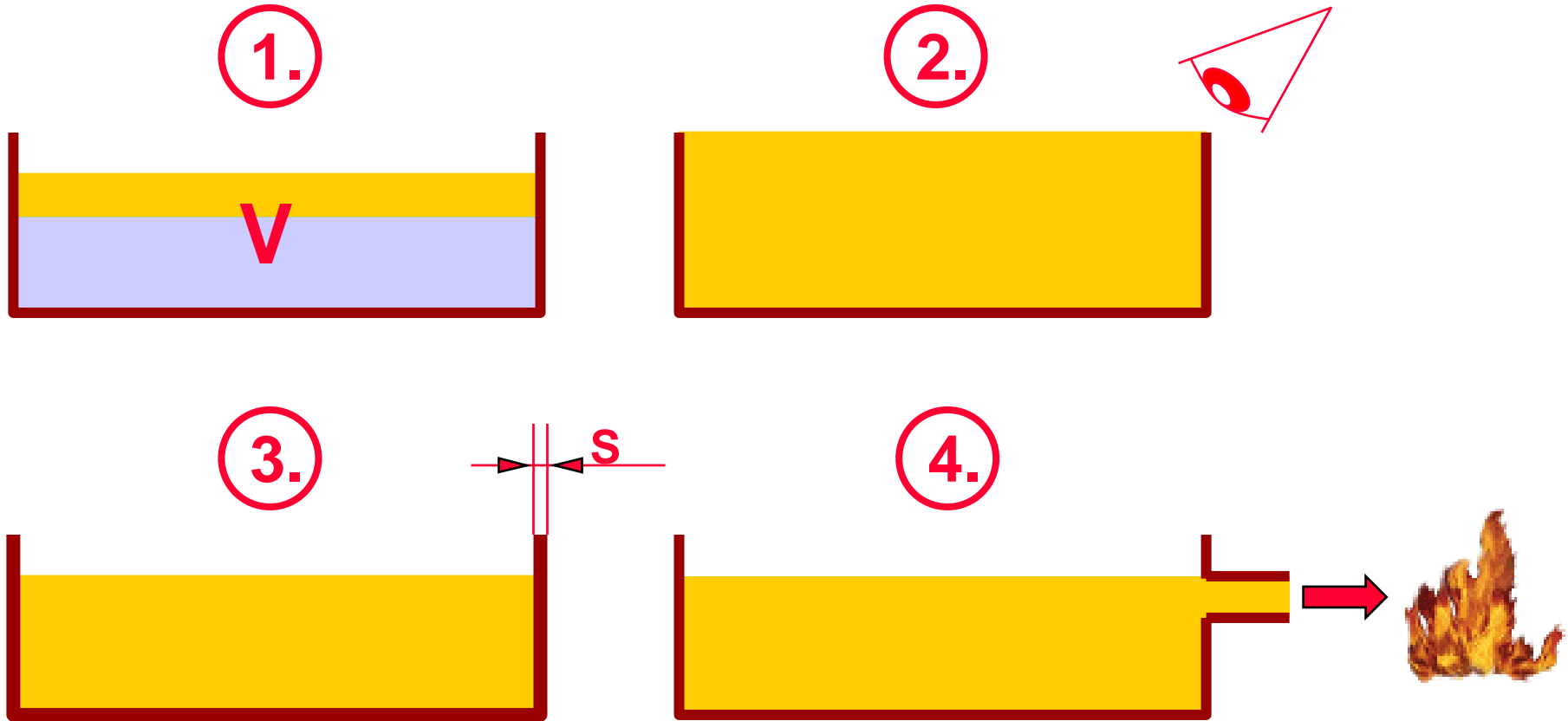
**E** = fire fighting water and/or water from extinguishing foam or not contaminated water in m<sup>3</sup> being pumped apart from the stored material into a **different containment for fire fighting water**

## Containment capacity for extinguishing agent: (Storage for solid substances and smaller barrel storage)

The required volume depends on:

- the safety category of the storage unit (internal fire brigade, public fire brigade, type of fire alarm device)
- the storage capacity and/or space for storage,
- the water hazard class (WHC),
- the storage height of substance and
- the type of storage (within a building, outdoors)

## General requirements on a containment unit for fire fighting water:

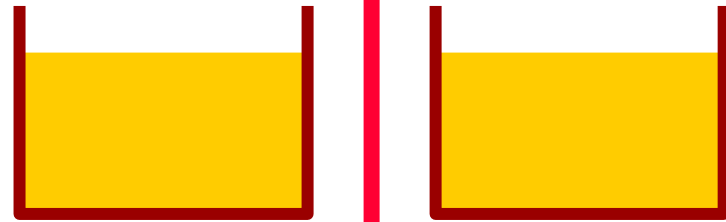


## General requirements on a containment unit for fire fighting water:

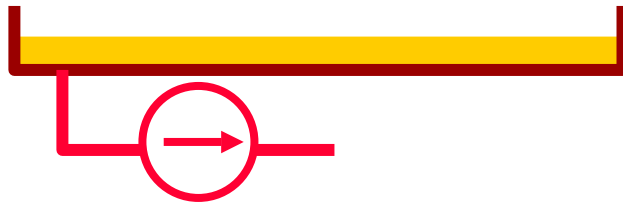
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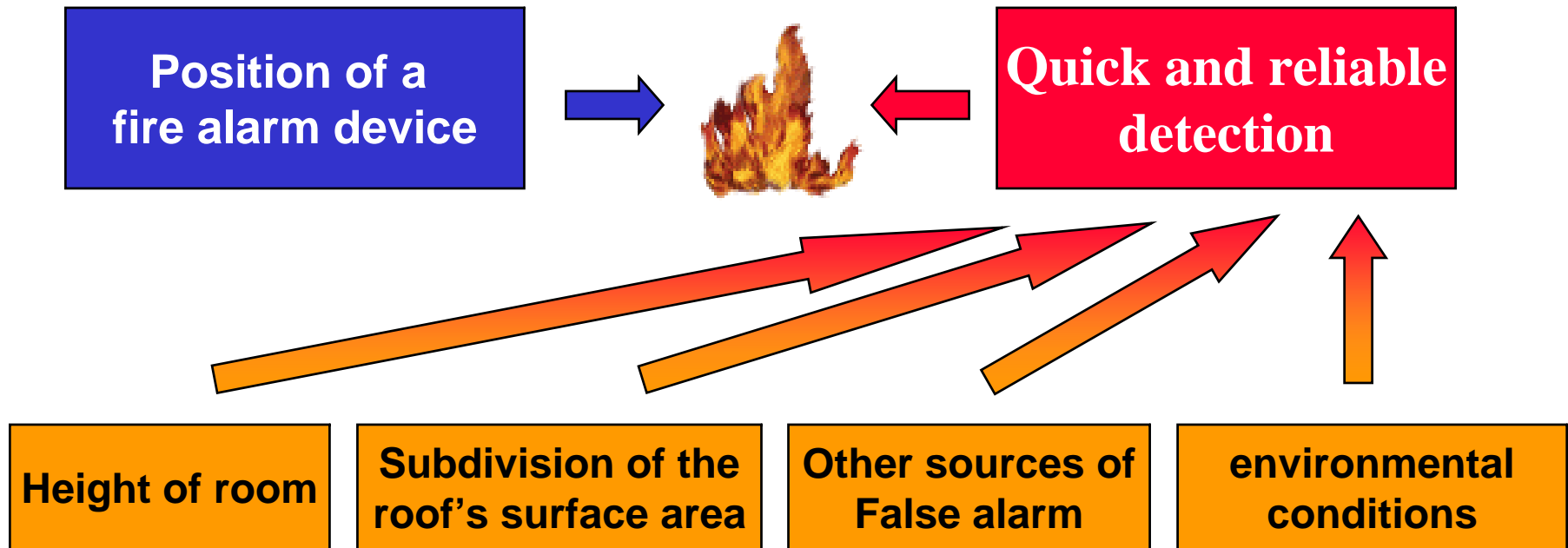
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## General requirements on a containment unit for fire fighting water:





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Barrier for fire fighting water acting as a seal for the gate.

Fixed to a support in the wall.

Installing of a pile to protect the stretching elements