

Hazardous Materials

The good things that chemicals bring into our lives have become indispensable to us. Although extremely rare, there always remains a slim chance that a chemical emergency will occur in our community despite the extraordinary precautions taken by the chemical users/producers and emergency responders. Knowledge of how to respond safely and appropriately to hazardous materials emergencies greatly lessens the chance of serious injury and brings peace of mind.

What Are the Actions You Might Need to Take?

If You Are Told to Evacuate

1. Stay calm.
2. Gather what you and your family might need to be away from your residence for a few days (Medicine, wallet, credit cards, Picture ID, etc). Remember that pets are not allowed in shelters.
3. As you leave, turn off all of your appliances (except for refrigerator/freezer), and all lights, heating, cooling, or ventilation systems.
4. Don't go to your children's school. They may be safe. You may hinder getting them to a safe place. School officials will take care of your children.
5. Don't use phones unless someone is injured or very sick. If you must use the phone, keep the call short.
6. Do not listen to rumors. Listen to television and radio for up-to-date information.
7. Keep car windows and air vents closed. Listen to your car radio for further information as it arises.

If You Are Told To Stay Where You Are (Shelter In Place)

1. Go inside. If outdoors, go inside until told to do otherwise. Listen to radio and TV for further information.
2. Close all doors and windows.
3. Turn off all heating, cooling, and ventilation systems.