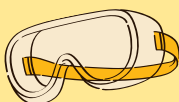
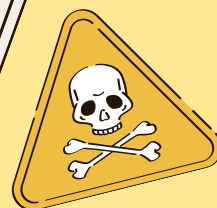


AT-A-GLANCE CHEMICAL



WHAT ARE CHEMICAL AGENTS?

CHEMICAL AGENTS ARE POISONOUS VAPORS, AEROSOLS, LIQUIDS AND SOLIDS THAT HAVE TOXIC EFFECTS ON PEOPLE, ANIMALS OR PLANTS. CHEMICAL AGENTS ARE UNLIKELY TO CAUSE DEATH BECAUSE THEY DISSIPATE QUICKLY OUTDOORS AND ARE HARD TO PRODUCE.



WHAT ARE SIGNS?

SIGNS OF A CHEMICAL RELEASE INCLUDE DIFFICULTY BREATHING, EYE IRRITATION, LOSS OF COORDINATION, NAUSEA OR BURNING IN THE NOSE, THROAT AND LUNGS. THE PRESENCE OF MANY DEAD INSECTS OR BIRDS MAY INDICATE A CHEMICAL AGENT RELEASE.

IF YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME OR OFFICE BUILDING, YOU SHOULD:

- ☐ CLOSE DOORS AND WINDOWS AND TURN OFF ALL VENTILATION, INCLUDING FURNACES, AIR CONDITIONERS, VENTS AND FANS
- ☐ SEEK SHELTER IN AN INTERNAL ROOM WITH YOUR DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT
- ☐ SEAL THE ROOM WITH DUCT TAPE AND PLASTIC SHEETING
- ☐ LISTEN TO THE RADIO OR TELEVISION FOR INSTRUCTIONS FROM AUTHORITIES

IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN OR NEAR A CONTAMINATED AREA OUTDOORS:

- ☐ QUICKLY DECIDE WHAT IS THE FASTEST WAY TO FIND CLEAN AIR:
- ☐ MOVE AWAY IMMEDIATELY, IN A DIRECTION UPWIND OF THE SOURCE
- ☐ FIND THE CLOSEST BUILDING TO SHELTER-IN-PLACE

BEFORE A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

- ☐ BUILD AN EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT AND INCLUDE:
- ☐ DUCT TAPE, SCISSORS, PLASTIC (TO COVER DOORS, WINDOWS AND VENTS)
- ☐ MAKE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

DURING A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

- ☐ QUICKLY TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHICH AREAS ARE AFFECTED OR WHERE THE CHEMICAL IS COMING FROM, IF POSSIBLE
- ☐ GET AWAY IMMEDIATELY
- ☐ IF THE CHEMICAL IS INSIDE YOUR BUILDING, GET OUT OF THE BUILDING WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH THE CONTAMINATED AREA, IF POSSIBLE
- ☐ IF YOU CAN'T GET OUT OF THE BUILDING OR FIND CLEAN AIR WITHOUT PASSING THROUGH THE AFFECTED AREA, MOVE AS FAR AWAY AS POSSIBLE AND SHELTER-IN-PLACE

AFTER A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

DO NOT LEAVE THE SAFETY OF A SHELTER TO GO OUTDOORS TO HELP OTHERS UNTIL AUTHORITIES SAY IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.

YOU WILL NEED IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION FROM A PROFESSIONAL IF YOU ARE AFFECTED BY A CHEMICAL AGENT. IF MEDICAL HELP IS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, DECONTAMINATE YOURSELF AND HELP OTHERS DECONTAMINATE.



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