

EMERGENCY TIPS

Being inside can provide you with added protection from a hazardous materials release. Staying inside is safer than trying to outrun a release!

You can take effective measures in the event of a hazardous chemicals incident. HMAC's goal is to provide useful steps to insure your safety and that of your family.

Despite all safety precautions, it is possible that a chemical accident occurring anywhere in the area could create irritating or hazardous conditions for those people in close proximity.

In case of a hazardous materials emergency, do not listen to rumors. This booklet, the radio and TV will tell you what actions you might need to take.

Remember, in case of a hazardous incident:

SHELTER



SHUT



LISTEN

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DO NOT TIE UP TELEPHONES/ CELLULAR PHONES AND/OR EMERGENCY PHONE LINES



Use the phone only when absolutely necessary.

Emergency Services will need every available telephone line to initiate help and rescue operations.

A MESSAGE FROM HMAC: The Union/Middlesex HMAC prepared this brochure to assist its members and the public in the development of a general awareness of **Shelter In Place**, if necessary. In order to prepare for a future emergency situation, HMAC recommends that you take the time to investigate, understand and familiarize yourself with the **Shelter In Place** programs developed by appropriate state, county and/or local emergency management agencies which affect your home, school, place of business and other areas. In the case of an actual emergency, HMAC strongly recommends that you follow all relevant guidance issued by appropriate state, county and/or local emergency management agencies.

PLEASE READ THIS AND KEEP IT IN A HANDY PLACE.

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Stay Safe Shelter in Place

**During
Chemical
Emergencies**

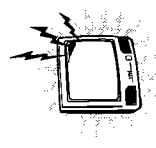
**Shelter
Shut
Listen**

L I S T E N

HOW WILL YOU BE NOTIFIED TO SHELTER IN PLACE IN UNION/MIDDLESEX COUNTY ?

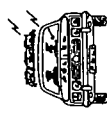
1 EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS)

TUNE TO RADIO/TELEVISION
Announcements concerning the emergency, specific evacuation procedures as well as all-clear signals will be broadcast by regional radio, television and cable stations. Monitor emergency alert system information on one of the **EAS** radio stations listed below.



OR 2 ROUTE ALERTING

PAY ATTENTION TO LOUD-SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENTS
Emergency personnel may give you specific directions via loud-speaker or door-to-door contact.



E M E R G E N C Y A L E R T R A D I O S T A T I O N S	
Servicing Middlesex County: (and Hunterdon, Somerset and Mercer)	
WPST	97.5 FM Princeton
WCTC	1450 AM Somerset
WMGQ	98.3 FM Somerset
Servicing Union County: (and Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Passaic and Morris)	
WFME	94.7 FM Newark
WJDM	1530 AM Elizabeth
WBGO	88.3 FM Newark
WNWK	105.9 FM Newark
WHITZ	100.3 FM Newark
WNJR	1430 AM Newark

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HOW DO YOU PREPARE YOUR SHELTER?

SEAL YOUR HOUSE SO CONTAMINANTS CANNOT ENTER

- Turn off fans, heating, cooling or ventilation systems.
- Close and lock windows and doors.
- Fully extinguish fires in the fireplace with water then close dampers.
- Close off non-essential rooms such as storage areas, laundry rooms, and extra bedrooms.
- Seal gaps under doorways and windows with any available material (wet towels, duct tape, newspaper, etc.)
- Seal gaps around window and air conditioning units, bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans, and stove and dryer vents with duct tape and plastic sheeting, or aluminum wrap.



IF YOU ARE IN YOUR CAR, SEAL UP BY CLOSING WINDOWS AND SHUTTING VENTS.



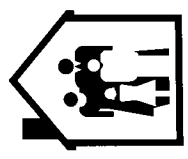
Find out the telephone number of the Office of Emergency Management in your community.

Write it here: _____

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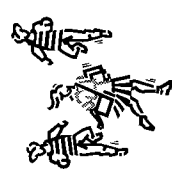
WHEN SHOULD YOU SHELTER IN PLACE

- when instructed by emergency personnel, or
- if you encounter a vapor cloud or an unusual odor, you should take steps to Shelter In Place.



GO INSIDE
Stay calm, go inside and listen for the emergency information or evacuation announcements by fire or police departments. Prepare your Shelter.

CALL IN YOUR CHILDREN
where they can be supervised.
Call in your pets.



Help the elderly or handicapped and give temporary shelter to pedestrians.

DO NOT PICK UP YOUR CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL/DAYCARE



School regulations ensure a swift orderly response to an official call for evacuation or to Shelter In Place.

The presence of parents searching for their children can only cause confusion and delays. It can also be dangerous for you and your children. Contact your school in advance so you know their procedures!