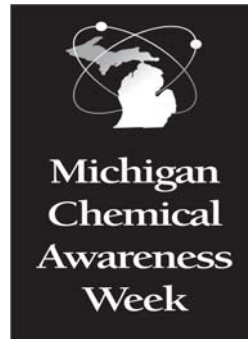


if You Are Told To Evacuate



You should move to the place designated by public officials. Follow these steps to get ready for the trip.

- Stay as calm as possible and move to the place designated by public officials.
- Gather and pack only a few essential items such as medication, drivers license or identification, checkbook and credit cards.
- As you leave turn off lights, household appliances, heating and cooling systems. Remember to lock your doors.
- Use only one vehicle per family and keep your car windows and air vents closed. Do not take shortcuts.
- Listen to local radio stations for reports about your route. Do not go to your child's school to pick them up; this delays their move to a safe place.



For more information contact your local fire department, local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Local Emergency Management Coordinator, or the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management Division's Hazardous Materials Section at (517) 333-5029.



What to do In Case of a Chemical Emergency



Michigan Department of State Police
Emergency Management &
Homeland Security Division

What to Do.....if

A hazardous materials accident can occur anywhere. Communities located near chemical manufacturing plants are particularly at risk. However, hazardous materials are transported on our roadways, railways, and waterways daily, so any area is considered vulnerable to an accident.



if Caught at the Scene of a Hazmat Accident.

If you see an accident, call 9-1-1 or the local fire department to report the nature and location of the accident as soon as possible.

Move away from the accident scene and help keep others away. Do not walk into or touch any of the spilled substance. Try not to inhale gases, fumes, and smoke. If possible, cover mouth with a cloth while leaving the area.

Stay away from accident victims until the hazardous material has been identified. Try to stay upstream, uphill, and upwind of the accident.

Precautions you can take to lessen the chance of serious injury.



if You are Told to Shelter in Place During a Hazmat Incident.

- Go inside and turn on your radio, or television
- Close all doors and windows. Seal gaps under doorways and windows with duct tape, wet rags or towels.
- Turn off all heating, cooling or ventilation systems, and cover exhaust fans with plastic sheeting and tape.
- Close off nonessential rooms such as storage areas and laundry rooms. Do not shelter in the basement.
- It will be announced on the radio when the emergency is over. Only then should you open all doors and windows to let fresh air into your home.

