



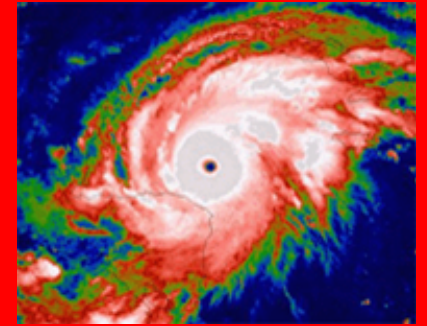
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- Hurricane preparedness
- Tornado safety
- Flooding
- Emergency Evacuation Plans for your Family

If you have additional questions, contact your local Emergency Management Office at (409) 643-5707.

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## Hazardous Materials Emergency Tips

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## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS

Hazardous materials are substances which, because of their chemical, physical, or biological nature, pose a potential risk to life, health, and property if they are released. Hazards can exist during production, storage, transportation, use, or disposal.



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### What To Do In A Hazardous Materials Incident

- If you witness a hazardous materials incident, call 911.
- Avoid incident site to minimize risk of contamination.
- If you are caught outside during an incident, try to stay upstream, uphill, and upwind.
- If you are in a car, close windows and shut off ventilation.

### Shelter in Place Tips

- Follow instructions given by emergency authorities.
- Reduce toxic vapors from entering your home by sealing entry routes and closing doors and windows

- Turn off all ventilation systems.
- Seal gaps around window air conditioning units, kitchen exhaust fan grills, stove and dryer vents with duct tape.
- Close as many internal doors as possible.
- Close all fireplace dampers
- If warned of potential outdoor explosion, close drapes, curtains and shades, and stay from windows to prevent injury from broken glass.
- Stay in protected, interior areas of building where toxic vapors are reduced.
- Listen to news media for instructions.
- If evacuation recommended, do so immediately Listen to a battery powered radio for instructions.
- If time permits, close all windows, turn off ventilation system to minimize contamination.
- Use recommended travel routes recommended by local authorities.
- Avoid contact with spilled liquid materials, airborne mist, or condensed solid chemical deposit.
- Do no eat or drink food or water that may have been contaminated.
- Upon returning home, open windows, doors, and turn on fans to provide ventilation.
- Find out from local authorities how to clean up your land and property.
- If a person or item has been exposed to hazardous chemicals, follow the procedures below;
- Follow decontamination instructions from local authorities.
- Seek medical treatment for symptoms that may be related to the hazardous materials release.
- If medical help is not immediately available and you might be contaminated, remove your clothes, shower, and put on clean clothes. Seek medical help as soon as possible. Place exposed clothing in a sealed container and find out proper disposal procedures.

For more information on hazardous materials incidents please contact the Galveston County LEPC Chairperson, Terry Byrd, at (281) 996-3335.

### What To Do After An Incident

- Do not return home until authorities say it is safe.