

City of McKinney Office of Emergency Management



Before, During, and After a Transportation Incident

Before a Transportation Incident

- Contact the Collin County LEPC to find out what hazardous materials you are at risk for.
- Be aware of your surroundings when driving. The trucks and trailers around you may have hazardous materials in them.
- Go through your disaster supply kit and add plastic sheeting, duct tape, and scissors if not already included.

During a Transportation Incident

- Report the incident to local authorities immediately if no help is on scene. Report the following information:
 - The exact location, type of vehicle (container) involved, if there is a fire, the color of the placard, label, and any numbers or name printed on it, whether the material is leaking, if anyone is injured, and the weather conditions in the area.

If you come across an accident while driving:

- If you are in your car, stop and seek shelter in a permanent building.
- If you must stay in your car, keep all windows and vents closed. Turn off heater or air conditioner.

If you are asked to evacuate:

- Do so immediately. Take your emergency supply go-kit with you.
- Stay tuned to a radio or television for information on evacuation routes, temporary shelters, and procedures.
- If you have time, close windows, shut vents, and turn off fans to reduce contamination.

If you are caught outside:

- Stay upstream, uphill, and upwind. Move away as far as you can from the scene.
- Do not walk into or touch any spilled liquids, airborne mists, or condensed solid chemical deposits.
- Try not to inhale gases, fumes, or smoke. If possible, cover mouth with a damp or dry cloth while leaving the area.
- Stay away from accident victims until the hazardous material is identified.

If you are asked to stay indoors

- Shelter-in-place in your designated shelter room. This room should be above ground in the interior of your home, with the fewest openings to the outside.
- Take your emergency supply kit with you.
- Turn off air conditioners and ventilation systems, close vents, fireplace dampers, and as many interior doors as possible.
- Seal gaps under doorways with wet towels, and around windows, bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans, and stove and dryer vents with plastic sheeting, wax paper, or aluminum and duct tape.
- Use material to fill cracks and holes in the room.

After a Transportation Incident

- Return to or leave your home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Find out how to clean up your land and property from local officials.

If you have been exposed to the hazardous material:

- Follow decontamination procedures from officials.
- Seek medical treatment for any unusual symptoms.
- Place exposed clothing and shoes in sealed containers. Find out how to dispose of these properly from local officials.
- Let others know that you have been in contact with that they may have been exposed to the hazardous material also.