



Before, During, and After a Biological Terrorist Attack

Before a Biological Attack

- Check with your doctor to ensure that all required or suggested immunizations are up to date.
- Consider installing a High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filter in your furnace return duct. They will filter out most biological agents that may enter your house. Stand-alone portable HEPA filters are available for homes that do not have central heating or cooling system.

During a Biological Attack

- Listen to local news sources for information on what to do.
- If you become aware of an unusual or suspicious substance, move away from the area quickly and wash hands with soap and water. Contact authorities and seek medical attention if you get sick.
- Keep your air system running with the HEPA filter, or turn fans on to circulate air into the filter. Moving the air through the house will help remove the agents from the air.
- If you are exposed to a biological agent, remove your clothes and personal items and put them into a sealed plastic bag. Wash yourself with soap and water and put on clean clothes. Seek medical attention immediately after.

After a Biological Attack

- Pay close attention to official warnings and instructions on how to proceed. Public health procedures often change with increased demand, so listen to radio, television, and emergency alert systems for instructions.