

FIRST STEPS TO SAFETY

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- 2. Turn on your radio or TV**
- 3. Stay off the phone**

If there was an emergency at the Depot, would you know what to do?

It's well known the Umatilla Chemical Depot has had a good safety record for almost 60 years, including its work handling the chemical weapons stored there since the 1960s. It is unlikely there could be a chemical accident serious enough to affect communities outside Depot boundaries.

But the possibility still exists.

If that possibility becomes real and you're in the emergency zones near the Depot, you'll need to act quickly to protect yourself.

That's why the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) exists—to help you prepare for a possible emergency at the Depot.

CSEPP partners include the Depot; the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and the emergency management agencies of Oregon and Washington, and Umatilla, Morrow and Benton counties.

CSEPP's most important partner, though, is you. For the program to work, you need to feel comfortable you know what to do.

To be prepared for an emergency at the Depot, or any emergency, contact us.

We're CSEPP.
We're here to help.

■ If you live or work in the emergency zones in Oregon and Washington around the Umatilla Chemical Depot, these are the first steps you should take if the Depot has a chemical emergency. Use them also if you're in the area fishing, boating or just driving through. When you receive a warning—whether by siren, highway reader board, word of mouth, or on the news—take these steps immediately:

1. Go inside

Even though it's unlikely, an extremely serious accident at the Depot could release hazardous chemical vapors into the air. Go inside as a precaution. Once safely indoors, take the next step and listen for instructions on what to do.

2. Turn on your radio or TV

Using the Emergency Alert System, county officials will broadcast emergency instructions over local radio and TV stations.* The instructions may vary depending on where you are located. You will most likely be told to take one of the following actions:

- If you live in the emergency zones close to the Depot in Umatilla or Morrow counties, Oregon, you may be told to shelter in place.
- If you live in the emergency zones close to the Depot in Benton County, Washington, you may be told to evacuate.
- If you do not need to take action, you will be told to stay tuned for further information until the emergency is over.

3. Stay off the phone

During any community emergency, it is critical to keep phone lines open for emergency use. Stay off the phone. Do not call 911 unless you are reporting an immediate life-threatening situation.

If you are not in the emergency zones

You should not be affected if you are outside the emergency zones. You can help the overall community response, however, by staying off the phone and tuning in local TV or radio for the news (as in Steps 2 and 3 above). Area communities that lie outside the emergency zones include Pendleton, Prosser, the Tri Cities and Walla Walla.

*Note

If you have a Tone Alert Radio (TAR), it will broadcast emergency instructions directly from county officials. TARs are currently being distributed free of charge to residents and businesses in the emergency zones. If you don't have a TAR yet, turn on local radio or TV for emergency information.

For more information

If you have questions about emergency zones, sheltering in place, evacuation, Tone Alert Radios, or any other aspects of the information above, contact CSEPP at the numbers or website below.

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In Umatilla and Morrow Counties

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In Benton County

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On the Internet

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