



Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)  
*A ready public set to protect itself in an emergency...*

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# Share your story

Richland, Wash. -- *Wildfires scorch dry hillsides and close in on homes. Fierce winds rip off tree limbs and topple power lines. Sirens sound outside the Umatilla Chemical Depot.*

In our area, Mother Nature can dish out all types of trouble. We need to be prepared for any kind of natural disaster. We should also be ready for the possibility (even if small) of a radiological or chemical emergency.

No matter what the emergency, we need to be ready to go at a moment's notice. We've all heard the messages: *Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed.*

But how many of us are really ready? Sometimes, it takes something close to home to get us to say, "I'm not ready. I really need to do this."

So we want to know: *Has it happened to you?*

Tell us: Did wildfire send you and your family on the run? Did flooding force you from your home? Were you stuck at work when a windstorm hit?

Were you ready? Did you have a family plan? Did you have an emergency kit? Do you wish you'd had one? What was the best thing you did ahead of time? If you had to do it over again, what would you do differently?

We want to hear your story. Share your experience. Help your neighbors realize: *It can happen to them.*

E-mail us. Visit our Facebook pages (Benton County Emergency Services or Morrow County Emergency Management). Come see us at the County Fair. We're gathering your stories in order to share lessons learned, stories from people who know first-hand how quickly disaster can strike.

***Help us start a conversation that could save lives.***

To share your story or for more information, contact your county Emergency Management public information officer, below.

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