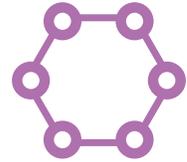




HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS RESPONSE GUIDE



Hazardous chemicals are dangerous substances. They can be in solid, liquid or gas form. Acids and pesticides are examples of hazardous chemicals. If released, hazardous chemicals may cause coughing, difficulty breathing, nausea or vomiting, or irritation of the nose, mouth, throat, eyes or skin.



Move away from the area where the chemical was released.

- ▶ If the hazardous chemical was released indoors, leave the building and get to fresh air.
- ▶ If the hazardous chemical was released outdoors, get inside.
 - ▶ Take pets with you if it is possible and safe to do so.
 - ▶ Do NOT leave the building until instructed to do so by government officials.
 - ▶ Shut windows, outside doors and other openings.
 - ▶ Turn off window fans, air conditioners and heating/cooling systems that bring in air from outside.
- ▶ Remove shoes and outer layers of clothing. If you were in the area where the chemical was released, put clothes and shoes in sealable bags or containers. Do not reuse. The City will provide instructions on disposal.
- ▶ Note that some chemicals may be more harmful if mixed with water. Officials will provide instructions about how to clean yourself and pets.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- ▶ Get health information from credible sources (nyc.gov, cdc.gov and 311).
- ▶ Sign up for Notify NYC for information about emergency events.
- ▶ If you or anyone you know feels overwhelmed or needs help coping, visit lifenet.nyc for free help in your language.
- ▶ In an emergency, always call 911.



Stay informed.

- ▶ Use radios, televisions, computers or mobile devices for information from officials about how to stay safe.



Get medical help if you have symptoms.

- ▶ Call the New York City Poison Control Center at 212-POISONS (212-764-7667) or the National Capital Poison Center at 800-222-1222 if you have been exposed to a hazardous chemical and you experience any of the symptoms listed above.