

SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS DURING A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

If you are alerted that a chemical incident has occurred, go inside immediately and listen for television or radio announcements. You will be informed of the hazard and affected areas. You will also be informed to take one of two protective actions, evacuate or shelter-in-place.

If you are told to evacuate

- Grab essential items like your wallet and medications.
- Follow the route emergency responders instruct you to take.
- Take neighbors that do not have transportation and listen to local radio for additional information.

If you are told to shelter-in-place

- Close all windows, doors, and fire dampers.
- Turn off the furnace, air conditioner, kitchen and bathroom fans, and the clothes dryer.
- Move to a room with few windows, BUT NOT THE BASEMENT.
- Close the door and place a damp towel under it.
- Cover cracks around windows with tape or plastic.
- Turn on a radio to TV and listen for further instructions.

For additional information about evacuation or shelter-in-place, please refer to the Marion County Local Emergency Planning committee brochure "You Have A Role To Play In Protecting Yourself During Chemical Emergencies."



CONTACT

If you have any questions, please call the Marion County Public Health Department at: 317.221.2266

OR WRITE TO:

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IT TAKES CHEMICALS TO MAKE STUFF



Companies that have an extremely hazardous substance or over 10,000 pounds of any chemical at their plant must file a report with the Marion County Local Emergency Planning Committee (Marion County LEPC).

This report, called a Tier II report, contains information about the company, their chemicals and how they are stored.

There are over 500 companies in Marion County that submit reports to the Marion County LEPC.

All of these reports are available to the public.



These reports are used by the Marion County LEPC to plan for safe responses to chemical emergencies.

There are a lot of things companies do to prevent the release of chemicals:

- Alarms are used to warn workers of leaks.
- Secondary containment is used around some types of storage tanks to contain the chemicals if a spill occurs.
- Containers and tankers are unloaded within safety dikes.

Companies regularly inspect pipes and joints for leaks or wear.

- Workers are trained how to handle, store, use and dispose of chemicals safely.
- Workers wear safety equipment and are properly equipped to respond to releases.
- Companies are also responsible for maintaining emergency plans for their plant.



CONTACT COMPANIES NEAR YOU AND ASK THEM ABOUT THE CHEMICALS THEY HAVE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO PREVENT AND PREPARE FOR ACCIDENTS.

What is the Marion County Local Emergency Planning Committee?

The Marion County LEPC is made up of volunteers from the Fire Department, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Hospitals and concerned citizens in the community.

The Marion County LEPC is responsible for developing a plan for safe and effective responses to chemical releases.

The plan details how public response agencies will respond to any chemical release.

The Marion County Local Emergency Planning Committee has two major objectives:

1. To plan for safe and effective responses to chemical incidents by:

- Evaluating emergency responses to help plan for future accidents.
- Encouraging training and communication between emergency response agencies and companies.
- Purchasing response equipment and providing training for responders.

2. To increase citizen awareness of the chemicals in our community and educate the public about emergency procedures by:

- Responding to citizen requests for information about companies and their chemicals.
- Encouraging companies to talk to citizens or neighborhood groups about the chemicals in their community.