

NEW HAVEN ALERTS

Get alerted about emergencies and other important New Haven Alerts by signing up for our Emergency Notification System. This emergency notification system enables the City to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as emergency conditions, severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuation of buildings or neighborhoods. However please note that the assessment of each emergency situation is unique so please allow Emergency Officials time to conduct the necessary assessment of the situation. Their work is crucial for providing citizens with accurate and reliable information.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, cell, or business phone, email, text messages, hearing impaired receiving devices, and more.

To register for New Haven Alerts please visit:

www.newhavenct.gov/alerts

Welton St. Facility

There is a localized emergency warning system in place at the CHLOR-ALKALI facility. A visible red warning light on the front and side of the building, with a loud alternating horn sound will activate if a chemical inhalation air quality emergency occurs. The system is activated by a human inside the facility.

ACTION

Should residents see or hear the light and horn – this means to shelter in place until Emergency Responders provide additional information.



Emergency Operations Center

200 Orange Street
New Haven, CT 06510
203-946-8221

FOR ALL EMERGENCIES
DIAL 911

CITY OF NEW HAVEN

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Preparedness and Response during a Chemical Emergency



Honorable Toni N. Harp, Mayor

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE AT HOME TO PROTECT YOURSELF

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING!

CALL: 1-886-HLS-TIPS

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides several important guidelines with regards to how best protect your self in case of specific hazardous situations. However the most important thing is to have a plan ready in case of an emergency. Here are a few easy steps to start your emergency communication plan:

1. Understand how to receive emergency alerts and warnings from New Haven Emergency Officials
2. Discuss family/household plans for disasters that may affect your area and plan where to go.
3. Collect information
4. Identify information and pick an emergency meeting place

5. Share information.
6. Practice your plan.

For more information about emergency communication plans, please visit:

<https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>

SHELTER IN PLACE: IN CASE OF CHEMICAL RELEASE

(UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE BY EMERGENCY PERSONNEL)

Whether you are at home, work or elsewhere, there may be situations when it's simply best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside.

There may be circumstances when staying put and creating a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside, a process known as "sealing the room," is necessary.

Use common sense and available information to assess the situation and determine if there is immediate danger. If you smell a strong odor in the air, if you see a cloud or plume outside, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated, you may want to take this kind of action.

The process used to seal the room is considered a temporary protective measure to create a barrier between you and potentially contaminated air outside. It is a type of sheltering in place that requires preplanning.

- ✓ Bring your family and pets inside.
- ✓ Lock doors, **CLOSE** windows, air vents and fireplace dampers.
- ✓ **TURN OFF** fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems.
- ✓ Take your emergency supply kit unless you have reason to believe it has been contaminated.
- ✓ Go into an interior room with few windows, if possible.
- ✓ **SEAL** all windows, doors and air vents with 2-4 mil. thick plastic sheeting and duct tape. Consider measuring and cutting the sheeting in advance to save time.
- ✓ Cut the plastic sheeting several inches wider than the openings and label each sheet.
- ✓ Duct tape plastic at corners first and then tape down all edges.
- ✓ **BE PREPARED** to improvise and use what you have on hand to seal gaps so that you create a barrier between yourself and any contamination.
- ✓ Local authorities will provide you with information as soon as possible. Make sure you're registered for New Haven Alerts to receive the most accurate updates.