## Hazardous Materials Incident

## **Shelter In Place**

- Bring pets inside.
- Close and lock exterior doors and windows. Close or turn off vents, fireplace dampers, exhaust fans, heating or cooling systems, and as many interior doors as possible.
- Go into your pre-selected shelter room with your emergency kit. This room should be above ground and have the fewest openings to the outside.
- Seal gaps under doorways and windows with wet towels or plastic sheeting and duct tape.
- Close drapes, curtains, and shades in the room if you are warned of a possible explosion. Stay away from windows.
- Remain in the room until authorities advise you to leave.

## **After Incident**

- Open windows and vents and turn on fans to provide ventilation.
- Follow decontamination and cleaning instructions from local authorities.
- Take only essential items and bring your pets if safely possible.

## **Evacuate**

- Do so immediately.
- If specific evacuation routes are given, follow these routes because alternate routes may not be safe.
- Take only essential items and bring your pets if safely possible.
- Stay uphill, upstream and upwind.
- Be at least half a mile away from the area.

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