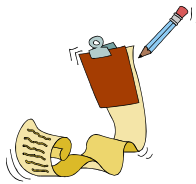


DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GUIDE FOR DOMESTIC PREPAREDNESS

DO YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN???

BE PREPARED. PLAN IN ADVANCE FOR AN EMERGENCY...



Make a list of things you should take with you in an emergency and prepare a shelter-in-place kit.



"Things to Take Kit"

- Medicine
- Baby food
- Toiletries
- Eyeglasses
- Checkbook/cash
- First aid kit

"Shelter-in-Place Kit"



- Heavy plastic and duct tape
- Scissors
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Battery powered radio
- Towels
- Non-perishable foods
- Drinking water in sealed containers

Place these items in a location know to all family members so that they can be gathered QUICKLY in the event of an emergency.



HOW WILL WE INFORM YOU OF AN EMERGENCY??

Residents of the community will be warned of any emergency, which may require them to take shelter, prepare to evacuate or to evacuate.

Deptford Township **DOES** have public warning specific sirens.



ALERT – a 3 to 5 minute steady tone
TAKE COVER – a 3 to 5 minute wavering tone
ALL CLEAR – a continuous steady tone

PUBLIC WARNING will be made via law enforcement, fire and/or ambulance sirens and public address systems



ROUTE alerting will be performed by the police and fire departments using mobile PA systems on department vehicles



NOTIFICATION will be made via cable TV (COMCAST – ALL channels), KYW 1060 AM, and WKDN Camden **Emergency Broadcast System** Station



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU'RE ALERTED TO AN EMERGENCY??

STAY CALM. DO NOT LISTEN TO RUMORS

DO NOT go to school to pick-up your children. Our schools have an Emergency Plan in place to protect all students.



You may be alerted to a problem, which MAY or MAY NOT pose an immediate danger to the community. You will be advised if there is the potential for escalation into a more serious situation.

IF you are informed of a potential problem, you should "STAND BY" until advised of what action to take. Further instructions will be given as soon as official information is available.

DO NOT attempt to contact the facility where the emergency has occurred. All available information will be broadcast on television and radio stations.



DO NOT USE YOUR TELEPHONE

to call for information or advice UNLESS you have a personal emergency. Listen to the **Emergency Broadcast System** on the radio or television. Unnecessary calls may prevent essential and emergency information from getting through to you.

IMMEDIATELY turn on a radio or television to a local station for further instructions. Emergency Broadcast System messages may be heard on the above radio and television stations.



STAY TUNED TO YOUR RADIO OR TV FOR MORE INFORMATION.



To show that you know about the emergency and you do not need assistance, put a card in the window indicating "**WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED**". Be sure it can be seen from the road.



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU'RE TOLD TO TAKE SHELTER??

IF there is an emergency and our community is ordered to take shelter, **STAY INSIDE AND CLOSE ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS**. You need to follow these easy, but **IMPORTANT** steps:

1. Move people and pets indoors immediately.
2. Close and lock all windows and doors. (Locking provides a tighter seal)
3. Turn off all heating, cooling and ventilation systems. This includes all window and attic fans.
4. Go into one room of your house or workplace. This room should have a telephone and either a television or radio.
5. **STAY CALM.**
6. Place plastic and duct tape around all doors and windows in the room. Use heavy plastic that is large enough to cover the entire door or window. Plastic drop cloths that are used when

painting are good to use for sheltering-in-place emergencies.

7. Place wet towels at the bottom of the door to prevent possible leakage. Keep extra towels available. If you smell a chemical odor, cover your nose and mouth with a wet towel.
8. Stay tuned to your radio or television for further instructions.
9. Begin storing water in containers for future drinking and cooking.
10. If necessary, children in affected schools will be sheltered there. **PARENTS SHOULD NOT TRY TO PICK THEM UP UNLESS ADVISED TO DO SO.**
11. Do not go outdoors unless absolutely necessary. If so, limit time spent outdoors and cover your mouth with a damp cloth or towel. When returning indoors, leave outer clothing outside. Wash your face and hands with mild soap and lukewarm water.
12. **STAY CALM.**
13. Stay inside your closed room until you receive an ALL CLEAR signal. When you receive that signal, open all doors and windows and go outside until your house or workplace is well ventilated.
14. Use the telephone only for emergencies. Unnecessary calls may prevent essential and official information from getting through to you.



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU'RE TOLD TO PREPARE TO EVACUATE??



DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS STAGE. An evacuation will be ordered only if our community is threatened and there is time to evacuate safely and in an orderly manner.

MAKE SURE you understand the emergency evacuation route to be followed. Stay tuned to

your radio and/or television for further instructions to prepare to evacuate.

QUICKLY gather a change of clothing, medicines, special dietary needs, eyeglasses, money and your "Shelter-in-Place Kit".

PREPARE your home for a three-day absence. Turn off all small appliances, faucets and air conditioners, fans and house lights. **TURN DOWN** the furnace, lock windows and doors. Even if in the daytime, turn on your porch light as you leave your house. The areas will be guarded while you are away.

LEAVE IF or **WHEN ADVISED.** Use one car per family. Close all car windows and vents. Listen to your radio for traffic information.



When traveling, keep car vents and windows **CLOSED.** **DO NOT** use air conditioning or heating systems.

BE SURE that a sign is placed in your window indicating "**WE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED**".



You may return home as soon as the emergency is declared over and it is safe to return.

WHEN you return home – if the emergency involved an airborne hazardous material, open windows and doors and stay outside until the building has been well ventilated.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PROCEDURES,
CONTACT:**

**Deptford Township
Office of Emergency Management
686-2234 or 686-2235**

This is important safety information, which you will need if there is a major emergency in your area. Please keep it handy and read it carefully. Discuss it with your family, friends and neighbors. If you know persons who are blind or do not read well, please read this to them.