

## Chemical Incident Checklist

### Be Prepared

- Create a codeReady Plan that includes a Stay Plan and a Go Plan (which one you use will depend on the type of incident).
- Build a 1-month codeReady Kit. You may need to take part or all of your kit with you if you're asked to leave your home. Keep a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio in your codeReady Kit to hear emergency broadcasting information in the event of a chemical incident.
- Public safety officials will advise you whether or not to evacuate when an incident occurs. Plan and practice an evacuation from your home as well as your local area with your family ahead of time.
- Become familiar with other evacuation plans for you and your family, including school, work and childcare plans.
- If there is not an evacuation, you should follow your Stay Plan and close windows, turn on the air conditioner or air cleaner, and stay inside.

### Take Action During a Household Chemical Emergency

#### If there's a possibility of fire or explosion:

- Get out of your home immediately.
- Call the fire department from outside your home once you're away from danger.
- Stay upwind and away from your home to avoid breathing in toxic fumes.

#### Recognize symptoms of toxic poisoning:

- Difficulty breathing
- Irritation of eyes, skin, throat, respiratory tract
- Changes in skin color
- Headache or blurred vision
- Dizziness, clumsiness or lack of coordination
- Cramps or diarrhea

#### If someone has toxic poisoning symptoms or has been exposed:

- Find any containers of the substance in order to provide requested information.
- Call the national Poison Control phone number, 1-800-222-1222, and follow the dispatcher's first aid instructions.
- Do not give anything by mouth unless instructed to do so by a medical professional.

## Prevent Chemical Incidents

- Buy only as much of a chemical as you'll use.
- Keep products in their original containers with labels intact.
- Never store hazardous products in food containers.
- Never mix household chemicals or waste with other products.
- Follow the manufacturer's directions for use.
- Never smoke while using household chemicals.
- Never use hairspray, cleaning solutions, paint products or pesticides near open flames.
- Clean up chemical spills immediately.
- Dispose of chemicals properly.
- Post the national Poison Control phone number by all phones.