

Explosion Checklist

Be Prepared

- Create a codeReady Plan that includes a Go Plan.
- Build a 3-day codeReady Kit. You may need to take part or all of your kit with you if you leave your home.

Prevent Explosions

- If you smell gas (a rotten-egg odor) in your home, get everyone out of the house immediately and contact your gas utility company.
- Never dig anywhere without first contacting Gopher State One Call, 1-800-252-1166 or 651-454-0002, a free state service that can tell you where power or gas lines are located.
- Never allow children to play with fire, fireworks or weapons without adult supervision.
- Become familiar with the tell-tale signs of meth labs, such as chemical odors and dumping, and report any suspected labs to fire or law enforcement authorities.

During an Explosion

- Get under a sturdy table or desk if there's falling debris. When you can leave safely, watch for weakened floors, stairways and falling debris as you evacuate.
- Leave your home or building quickly. Do not stop for personal items or to make phone calls.
- Do not use elevators.

Once You're Out

- Do not stand in front of windows, glass doors or other potentially hazardous areas.
- Move away from sidewalks or streets used by emergency officials or others still exiting the building.

If You're Trapped

- If possible, use a flashlight or whistle to signal your location to rescuers.
- Avoid unnecessary movement that may kick up dust.
- Cover your nose and mouth.
- Tap on a pipe or wall to help rescuers locate you.
- Shout only as a last resort, as this can cause you to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.