

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ADVICE

If you live near to an industrial hazard, you may be sent an information card about the site and what to do if there is an emergency there.

Make sure you thoroughly understand what the warning is and what you have to do if you get it.

For many incidents involving hazardous substances the best advice initially is:

GO IN, STAY IN, TUNE IN

GO IN:

- Go inside your house, preferably upstairs
- Close all outside doors and windows
- Switch off ventilation systems
- Turn-off gas appliances
- Block any incoming draughts and close dampers on solid fuel heaters.

STAY IN:

- Stay in your home and await further instructions
- Be prepared to offer shelter to passers by
- Do not go searching for friends or relatives.
- Extinguish all flames, for example pilot lights
- DO NOT go outside until advised by the Police. With radiation everything will look normal and you will not see, smell or feel anything different.

TUNE IN:

- Tune into your local BBC radio station (92.4 and 103.9 FM) or TV for further information. The BBC has plans to provide public information in an emergency and you may wish to keep a note of local radio frequencies.
- In addition it would be sensible to ensure that you have a battery powered radio and spare batteries in case of interruptions to the power supply.
- Do not use the phone. Keep lines free for emergency use only.