



U.S. ARMY CHEMICAL MATERIALS AGENCY

Evacuation Kit

Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program

Be prepared to evacuate **immediately** for an emergency such as a chemical agent accident at your Army post. Make your evacuation kit **now** so that you can leave quickly from home, work, shopping or elsewhere if your local officials instruct you to evacuate. Always keep a list of important phone numbers and prescriptions; driver's license, identification, insurance, credit cards and check book; and a 24-hour supply of prescription medications with you. Keep a radio, evacuation maps, flashlight with extra batteries, a blanket and one-quarter tank of fuel in your car at all times.

Evacuation kit items: (store them in your car so that you can leave quickly):

- A change of clothing for each person in your family (Remember to swap out the clothes each season. For example, store shorts in the summer, jackets and sweaters in the winter.)
- Diapers, baby food and other baby items, if your family has a baby
- Bottled water and non-perishable food
- Quiet toys and/or books, if you have young children
- Pet food, leashes and special supplies, if you have a pet(s)
- Phone list with important work, school and medical numbers. Include the number of an out-of-town relative or friend. Family members can call them to say that they are safe, especially when your family is separated at the time of the evacuation.

Last-minute additions: Make a list of the items and put the list in a prominent place so you can find it and the items quickly before evacuating. If you can't find these items quickly, then leave without them.

- Medications
- Eyeglasses
- Health and safety items you can't keep with you, or store in advance, but would need if you had to evacuate
- Pets (Put your pet in a cage. Check with your local Emergency Management Agency now to see if there are special arrangements for pets. Most American Red Cross shelters will not allow pets.)

Ready, Set, Act!

Be Ready. Know what to do if you are instructed to evacuate. Be confident that you, your family members and co-workers have prepared and practiced your evacuation plans so that everyone will be safe, even when the family is apart. Have your evacuation kit Set to go out the door or keep it in your car. Keep essentials with you or in your car at all times. Act immediately if instructed to evacuate. Listen carefully to Emergency Alert System (EAS) messages on EAS radio stations for the safest route out of your area – and to learn when it's safe to return home.

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