



CITY OF CHICAGO

# EMERGENCY GUIDANCE



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- Find information pertaining to general preparedness tips at [www.preparedchicago.com](http://www.preparedchicago.com) and [www.chicago.gov/oemc](http://www.chicago.gov/oemc).
- For guidelines on outdoor warning sirens: <https://www.illinois.gov/ready/plan/Pages/sirens.aspx>.

A complete or partial evacuation of your building, residence, block, or area may be necessary as a result of a widespread emergency or disaster. Examples include structure fires, internal hazardous materials incidents, or acts of terrorism.

## TIPS:

- Listen to instructions from uniformed public safety personnel and building security.
- Follow evacuation routes as instructed. These will be determined by public safety personnel in accordance with the scope of the incident.
- Check local media for alerts and updates.

In certain emergencies, evacuation will put you at greater risk. Shelter-in-place means to take immediate shelter in the interior of the building or indoors. In some instances of severe weather or external hazardous materials incidents, instructions from public safety officials or building security may include additional precautions such as:

- Move to an interior space with few doors and windows.
- Turn off fans, air conditioning, and forced air heating systems if the emergency has resulted in contaminated air.
- Lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers.
- Check local media for alerts and updates.



PROTECT YOUR  
EVERY DAY

If you **see** something,  
say something.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

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