

# ARE YOU RED STICK READY

## for a Hazardous Materials Incident?

*The onset of a hazardous materials incident can occur during production, storage, transportation, use, or disposal of materials that are explosive, flammable and combustible, poisonous, or radioactive. Get **Red Stick Ready** in the event that an incident occurs near you!*

### PREPARE BEFORE AN INCIDENT:

- Build an **Emergency Supply Kit** which includes a change of clothes.
- Create a family emergency plan to include important phone numbers.
- Don't forget about supplies for your pets!
- Know how to operate your home's ventilation system
- Identify an above-ground shelter room with as few openings as possible.
- Use the BuddySystem™ to check on family members, neighbors and friends.
- Learn how to Shelter in Place.

### DURING A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT:

#### If asked to evacuate:

- Listen to evacuation routes, shelters, and procedures.
- If time permits, limit contamination by closing windows, vents, and turning off fans in the home
- Take your disaster supply kit.

#### If caught outside:

- Get as far away from the danger area as possible.
- Avoid any spills or airborne mists.
- Avoid inhaling gasses and fumes, use a cloth or mask to cover your mouth.
- Avoid contact with accident victims.

#### In a motor vehicle:

- Stop and seek shelter in a building
- If remaining in car, keep windows and vents closed.

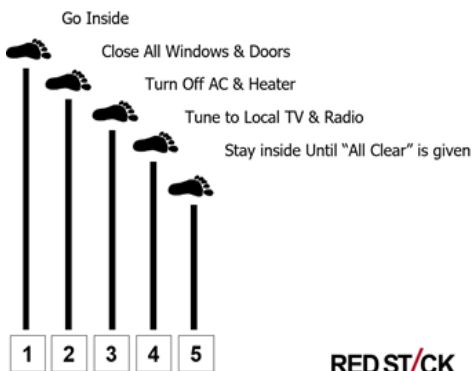
#### Requested to stay indoors:

- Brings pets inside.
- Close windows, doors, and vents.
- Turn off A/C and vent systems
- Stay away from food/drinks that may be contaminated.

### AFTER A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT:

- Listen to local radio or TV stations for the information.
- Go to a designated public shelter if you have been told to evacuate.
- Follow decontamination instructions from local authorities.
- Seek medical treatment for unusual symptoms.
- Place exposed clothing and shoes in tightly sealed containers.
- Advise everyone who comes in to contact with you that you may have been exposed to a toxic substance.
- Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Report any lingering vapors or other hazards to your local emergency services office.

### Shelter in Place... Take One Step at a Time



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