
PROVEN PRACTICE

Training

Business Shelter-in-Place Video

SUMMARY

This thirty-two minute video reviews actions by businesses to develop a shelter-in-place plan to protect employees and customers from a known hazardous chemical release.

DESCRIPTION

FEMA's Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program developed this video to protect eight communities adjacent to the U.S. Army's chemical weapons stockpile. As part of their public education efforts, FEMA's State and local government partners distributed the video to businesses who might be asked to shelter-in-place in the event of an incident involving the stockpile.

This video is intended for business owners, commercial facility managers, and local emergency managers. It explains how sheltering-in-place can protect employees, customers, and visitors in a chemical emergency and discusses the factors a business should consider in developing a shelter-in-place plan, such as facility size, number of people affected, building security, protection of assets, and continuity of operations.

Please note that this video is intended only to address sheltering-in-place to protect against exposure to hazardous chemicals; the approach described is not appropriate for other situations that could result in an order to shelter-in-place from local authorities, such as a weather emergency or an active shooter situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Jurisdictions with a protective action strategy that includes shelter-in-place in the event of a hazardous chemical release should review the video and attached script to assist in developing business outreach materials. Individual business owners should review them to assist in developing their own shelter-in-place plan and training their employees.

REFERENCES

The [video](#) is available for streaming.

The video script is available to download from LLIS.

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