

In the event of a **Biological** Emergency



Some bacteria or viruses can make people seriously ill or cause death. During Biological emergencies Local, State and Federal Public Health Officials will arrange for the distribution of life-saving medications to areas at risk of exposure. Your protection and treatment will depend on the type of organism, such as influenza or anthrax and whether you have been directly exposed.

In the event of a **Chemical** Emergency



A chemical emergency occurs when a hazardous chemical has been released and the release has the potential for harming peoples' health. Chemical releases can be caused by an industrial accident or through the intentional release of a harmful substance. **SHELTER IN PLACE** or **EVACUATION** orders may be issued for your protection. Local authorities will give these orders only when necessary.

In the event of a **Radiological** Emergency



A nuclear blast or an accident in a nuclear power plant can cause the spread of radiation. A terrorist attack with a “dirty bomb” can also spread radiation into the air. A “dirty bomb” is a mixture of explosives, such as dynamite, with radioactive powder or pellets.

SELF-DECONTAMINATION: If you have been in contact with a chemical agent or radiation, remove your clothes as quickly as possible. Put the clothes in a plastic bag and seal. Take a shower and wash with plenty of soap and lukewarm water. **Do not dispose of the plastic bag yourself.** Call your local emergency authorities for directions on how to dispose of your clothes.

