

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR COMMUNITY



What Are Industrial Accidents?



Industrial accidents are incidents at facilities that handle hazardous materials. They can endanger people, property, and the environment. Examples include:

- Fires and explosions
- Chemical spills
- Releases of hazardous materials into air or water

Accidents can happen during production, storage, transportation, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. Anyone living, working, or traveling near industrial sites may be affected.

Knowing What to do **BEFORE** an Emergency Can Help

- Stay informed through trusted news, emergency alerts, and official agencies.
- Find out if industrial sites are near you. Use the Department of Public Health's mapping tool at: ph.lacounty.gov/hazardous-sites
- Prepare an emergency kit for you and your pets to last for several days. A list of key items to include in your emergency kit are listed on this webpage: <https://www.ready.gov/kit>.
- Be ready to shelter in place or evacuate if directed.



DURING an Industrial Incident, follow official instructions first.



Shelter in Place

If told to shelter in place:

1. Go indoors immediately
2. Close all windows and doors
3. Seal gaps with wet towels
4. Turn off fans, AC, and heating
5. Listen for official updates



Evacuation

If told to evacuate:

1. Leave immediately
2. Bring family, pets, supplies
3. Follow official routes only
4. Do not return until cleared
5. Monitor emergency channels

AFTER an industrial accident, follow updates from police, fire, and official agencies.



REPORT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Reporting an issue in your community helps agencies identify, investigate, and respond. When reporting concerns, include what you saw or noticed, where it happened, and when it happened, including the date and time. If it's safe to collect them, include photos or videos.

- **For odors, smoke, dust, or other air pollution concerns**, call South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) : 1-800-CUT-SMOG (1-800-288-7664).
- **For concerns near oil and gas sites** call or email Cal GEM, (562) 637-4400, email: calgemsouthern@conservation.cal.gov.
- **If you don't have a health care provider and are having health symptoms as a result of an environmental issue**, call the Public Health Community Message Line (626) 430-9821, email: DPH-OEJCH@ph.lacounty.gov.



STAY INFORMED DURING EMERGENCIES

Sign up or follow trusted emergency information websites or social media sites to receive updates and alerts, such as:

- County of Los Angeles Emergency Map: <https://lacounty.gov/emergency/>
- County of Los Angeles Fire Department: <https://twitter.com/lacofd>, <https://www.facebook.com/LACoFD/>, <https://www.instagram.com/lacountyfd/>, <https://vimeo.com/lacofd>
- County of Los Angeles Social Media: <https://twitter.com/CountyofLA>, <https://www.facebook.com/countyofla/>, <https://www.instagram.com/countyofla/>
- County of Los Angeles Newsroom: <https://vimeo.com/lacountynewsroom/>

Your safety starts with being informed and prepared.



Learn More About Preparing for Emergencies and Disasters

Read the LA County Emergency Survival Guide:
<https://lacounty.gov/emergency/survival-guide>

