

**CALAMITY JANE EXPRESS (R)**  
**Emergency Checklist**  
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**Standard Messages**

**Hazardous Materials**  
(NBC:Nuclear, Biological and Chemical)

**Protect Yourself**

- Determine your risk.
- Prepare members of your household.
- Be ready to evacuate or shelter-in-place.

**Note:** Be aware that, if there is a hazardous materials incident while your children are at school, you probably will not be permitted to pick them up.

**During a Hazardous Materials Incident**

- **Avoid the incident site.**
- **Evacuate or find shelter.**

**You should:**

- Evaluate the risks to your household
- Learn about your community's plans for responding to a hazardous materials Incident
- Choose and prepare your shelter-in-place room.
- Be ready to evacuate or shelter-in-place.
- Take your pets with you if you evacuate and keep them with you if you are sheltering-in-place.

**Find out from the fire or police department what the hazardous materials warning procedures are for your area.:**

- Outdoor warning sirens or horns
- Information provided on radio and television
- "All-Call" telephoning—an automated system for sending recorded messages by telephone
- News media—radio, television, and cable
- Residential route alerting—messages announced to neighborhoods from vehicles equipped with public address systems

**Close doors and windows in the room and seal the room:**

- Tape around the sides, bottom, and top of the door.
- Cover each window and vent in the room with a single piece of plastic sheeting, taping all around the edges of the sheeting to provide a continuous seal.
- If there are any cracks or holes in the room, such as those around pipes entering a bathroom, fill them with modeling clay or other similar material.

**After a Hazardous Materials Incident**

- **Stay away until officials say it is safe to return.**
- **Use proper decontamination procedures.**

**During a hazardous materials incident:**

- If you witness (or smell) a hazardous materials release, call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number, or the fire department as soon as safely possible.
- If you hear a warning signal, listen to a local radio or television station for further information.
- Stay away from the incident site.
- If you are caught outside during an incident, try to stay upstream, uphill, and upwind.
- If you are in a motor vehicle, stop and find shelter in a permanent building if possible.
- If asked to evacuate your home, do so immediately.
- If you are told to stay indoors (shelter-in-place) rather than evacuate:
- Follow all instructions given by emergency authorities.
- Get household members and pets inside as quickly as possible.
- Close and lock all exterior doors and windows. Close vents, fireplace dampers, and as many interior doors as possible.
- Turn off air conditioners and ventilation systems.
- Go into the pre-selected shelter room
- Take a battery-powered radio, water, sanitary supplies, a flashlight, and the shelter kit containing pre-cut plastic sheeting, duct tape, and scissors. Take your Disaster Supplies Kit.
- If authorities warn of the possibility of an outdoor explosion, close all drapes, curtains, and shades in the room.
- Remain in the room, listening to a local radio or television station until you hear that authorities advise you to leave your shelter.
- When authorities advise people in your area to leave their shelters, open all doors and windows and turn on the air conditioning and ventilation systems.
- Avoid contact with spilled liquids, airborne mists and powders, and condensed solid chemical deposits.
- Do not eat food or drink water that may have been contaminated.
- Be prepared to turn off the main water intake valve in case authorities advise you to do so.

**If you or your animals have come in contact with or have been exposed to hazardous chemicals, you should:**

- Follow decontamination instructions from local authorities.
- If medical help is not immediately available and you think you might be contaminated, remove all of your clothing and shower thoroughly (unless local authorities advise you to do otherwise).
- Place exposed clothing and shoes in tightly sealed containers
- Advise everyone who comes in contact with you that you may have been exposed to a toxic substance.
- Find out from local authorities how to clean up your land and property.
- Report any lingering vapors or other hazards to your local emergency services office.

**After a hazardous materials incident:**

- Do not return home until local authorities say it is safe.
- Upon returning home, open windows and vents and turn on fans to provide ventilation.
- Be aware that a person or item that has been exposed to a hazardous chemical may be contaminated and could contaminate other people or items.