
your home, workplace, and school. These places would include basements or the windowless center area of middle floors in high-rise buildings, as well as subways and tunnels.

- During periods of increased threat, ensure disaster supplies are adequate.

If you are caught outside and are unable to get inside immediately:

- Do not look at the flash or fireball—it can blind you.
- Take cover behind anything that might offer protection.
- Lie flat on the ground and cover your head. If the explosion is some distance away, it could take 30 seconds or more for the blast wave to hit.
- Take shelter as soon as you can—even if you are many miles from ground zero where the attack occurred, radioactive fallout can be carried by the winds for hundreds of miles. Remember the three protective factors: distance, shielding, and time.

After a Nuclear Blast

Decay rates of the radioactive fallout are the same for any sized nuclear device. However, the amount of fallout will vary based on the size of the device and its proximity to the ground. Therefore, it might be necessary for those in the areas with highest radiation levels to shelter for up to a month.

The heaviest fallout would be limited to the area at or downwind from the explosion, and 80 percent of the fallout would occur during the first 24 hours.

People in most of the areas that would be affected could be allowed to come out of shelter within a few days and, if necessary, evacuate to unaffected areas.

Remember the following information:

- Keep listening to the radio and television for news about what to do, where to go, and places to avoid
- Stay away from damaged areas. Stay away from areas marked “Radiation Hazard” or “HAZMAT.” Remember that radiation cannot be seen, smelled, or otherwise detected by human senses.

_____ (facility name)
Emergency Procedure
TERRORISM–NUCLEAR BLAST ATTACK

The following procedure shall be utilized in the event of a Nuclear Blast near _____ (facility name).

- A. “CODE WHITE, a nuclear blast has occurred,” shall be announced overhead. “Attention all staff members, residents, and visitors please remain in the facility until further notice.” Local radio announcements will give specific instructions whether an attack warning is issued or an incident has occurred.
- B. Administrator and Director of Nursing _____ (facility to fill in appropriate titles/positions) will be notified if not on the premises. The Recall Roster shall be activated if warranted.
- C. Facility management staff should report to the Incident Command Post for a briefing and instruction.
- D. Activate the Incident Command System (ICS) to manage the incident. The most qualified staff member (in regard to the Incident Command System) on duty at the time will assume the Incident Commander position. If severity of incident warrants, then appoint other positions of ICS structure.