

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW

Chemicals are everywhere: In businesses, on roads, in underground pipelines, on railroad tracks and more. They are an integral part of our everyday lifestyle.

Chemical companies in your county are required to submit reports to your county's Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) each year describing the type and quantity of the chemicals that it stores and uses. You can see these reports by contacting your LEPC.

SIMPLE STEPS TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS DURING A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

If you are alerted that a chemical release has occurred, go inside immediately and listen for TV or radio announcements. You will be informed to either **evacuate** or **shelter-in place**.

IF YOU ARE TOLD TO EVACUATE

- Grab essentials like your wallet and medications
- Follow the route emergency responders instruct you to take
- Take neighbors that do not have transportation and listen to local radio for more information

IF YOU ARE TOLD TO SHELTER-IN-PLACE

- Close all doors, windows and fire dampers
- Turn off the furnace, air conditioner, exhaust fans and the clothes dryer
- Move to a room with few windows BUT NOT THE BASEMENT
- Close the door and place a damp towel under it
- Cover cracks around windows with tape and plastic
- Turn on a radio or TV and listen for further instructions

For more information, visit GetPrepared.in.gov

dhs.in.gov/LEPC.htm



County LEPC Information here:

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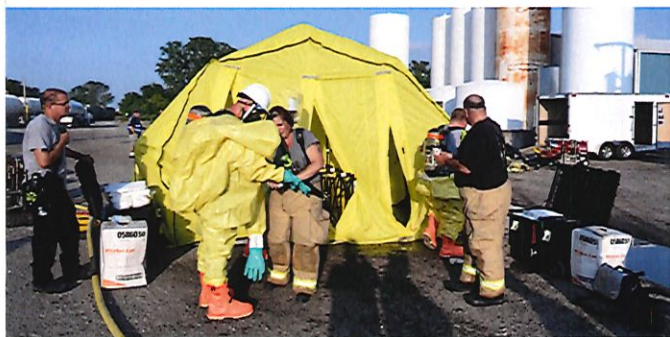


INDIANA'S
LOCAL EMERGENCY
PLANNING COMMITTEES



WHAT IS AN LEPC?

A Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a group of people just like you who share the mission of protecting the health and safety of their community from chemical incidents and disasters.



WHAT DO LEPCs DO?

LEPCs partner with state and local governments, businesses and emergency responders to enhance prevention, preparedness, response and recovery, planning, training and exercises, focusing on hazardous materials.

LEPCs are crucial to local hazmat planning and community right-to-know programs. In addition to its formal duties, the LEPC can serve as a focal point in the community for information and discussion about hazardous substance emergency planning, and health and environmental risks.

Citizens may expect LEPCs to reply to questions about chemical hazards and actions taken to manage chemical-related risk.

HOW LONG HAVE LEPCs BEEN ESTABLISHED?

LEPCs were required beginning in 1986 as part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA Title III). EPCRA also established reporting requirements for facilities with hazardous materials.



WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE LEPC?

- Establish a 24-hour process for reporting hazardous substance releases to the county Community Emergency Coordinator (CEC)
- Provide the public with access to chemical inventory information and chemical release reports
- Educate the public about the risks involved with chemical releases in their communities.
- Maintain relationships with Facility Emergency Coordinators (FEC) regarding incidents
- Conduct annual community hazardous material exercises
- Appoint officers, a chairperson and designate a CEC
- Submit by-laws, public notice of meetings, meeting minutes and rosters to the Indiana Emergency Response Commission (IERC)
- Review the county's hazardous materials response plan annually (more frequently if circumstances warrant) and submit a copy to the IERC

WHO IS THE LEPC?

LEPCs are required to have representatives from the following organizations, agencies, departments, facilities and/or other groups in its jurisdiction.

- Local and State Elected Officials
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Management
- Firefighting and EMS Personnel
- Health Department Officials
- Hospital Personnel
- Local Environmental Officials
- Transportation Representatives
- Broadcast and Print Media Groups
- Community Groups
- Business and Industry Leaders
- Owners and Operators of Regulated Facilities



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You can become involved in your county LEPC and be a part of the decision-making process.

If you don't want to become a member, you can still attend LEPC meetings in your community, stay informed and participate in decisions that affect the health and safety of the citizens in your community.