

City of McKinney Office of Emergency Management



Before, During, and After a Pipeline Incident

Before a Pipeline Incident

- Be aware of your surroundings. If you see construction work being done without pipeline markers, call a local official.
- If you are planning to dig, have your pipelines located and marked.

During a Pipeline Incident

If you are asked to evacuate:

- Do so immediately. Take your emergency supply go-kit with you.
- Stay tuned to a radio or television for information on evacuation routes, temporary shelters, and procedures.
- If you have time, close windows, shut vents, and turn off fans to reduce contamination.

If you are caught outside:

- Stay upstream, uphill, and upwind. Move away as far as you can from the scene.
- Do not walk into or touch any spilled liquids, airborne mists, or condensed solid chemical deposits.
- Try not to inhale gases, fumes, or smoke. If possible, cover mouth with a damp or dry cloth while leaving the area.
- Stay away from accident victims until the hazardous material is identified.

If you are asked to stay indoors:

- Shelter-in-place in your designated shelter room. This room should be above ground in the interior of your home, with the fewest openings to the outside.
- Take your emergency supply kit with you.
- Turn off air conditioners and ventilation systems, close vents, fireplace dampers, and as many interior doors as possible.
- Seal gaps under doorways with wet towels, and around windows, bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans, and stove and dryer vents with plastic sheeting, wax paper, or aluminum and duct tape.
- Use material to fill cracks and holes in the room.

After a Pipeline Incident

- Return to or leave your home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Find out how to clean up your land and property from local officials.

If you have been exposed to the hazardous material:

- Follow decontamination procedures from officials.
- Seek medical treatment for any unusual symptoms.
- Place exposed clothing and shoes in sealed containers. Find out how to dispose of these properly from local officials.
- Let people that you been in contact with know that they may have been exposed to the hazardous material also.