

How to Prepare for an Explosion

Prepare

WHAT TO DO

- **Create and practice** an emergency escape plan
 - Have at least two ways to get out of a room
 - Make sure windows do not stick and security locks can be disabled
- **Learn what to do in case of bomb threats or suspicious packages**
 - See the "Bomb Threats & Suspicious Packages" graphic for more information
- **Make digital copies of important documents** (ie: birth certificates, policies)

During

WHAT TO DO

- **If you can, get under a sturdy object** to protect yourself from falling debris
- **If you can, evacuate the area quickly** once debris has stopped falling
 - Watch for weakened floors and stairways
 - DO NOT use elevators
 - DO NOT stop to retrieve personal possessions or make phone calls
- **Check for fires** and other hazards
 - If you can, stay low to the ground to avoid excess smoke
- **Tell first responders** if you were unable to help someone evacuate
 - Let first responders know if there are pets inside
- **If you cannot evacuate**, use a flashlight, whistle or tap on pipes to signal help
 - Shout only as a last resort to avoid inhaling dangerous dust
 - Cover your nose and mouth with anything you have on hand

After

WHAT TO DO

- **There may be a number of casualties** or damage to buildings and infrastructure
 - Be prepared for heavy law enforcement involvement in the immediate area
 - Extensive media coverage, strong public fear and international implications
 - Be prepared to evacuate the area if it is deemed unsafe
- **Workplaces and schools may be closed** for a period of time
 - There may also be restrictions on domestic and international travel
- **Contact your local disaster relief service** for help during the recovery process
 - They may be able to help with temporary housing or food and medicine
- **Contact your insurance company** for instructions on how to protect property
 - If you are not insured, try contacting private organizations for aid