
PROVEN PRACTICE

Training

Protective Action and Shelter-in-Place Coloring Books

SUMMARY

These guides and coloring books enable teachers to engage school children in family emergency planning, including learning to shelter-in-place plan to protect themselves and their families from a known hazardous chemical release.

DESCRIPTION

FEMA's Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program developed these teaching guides and coloring books to protect eight communities adjacent to the U.S. Army's chemical weapons stockpile. As part of their public education efforts, FEMA's State and local government partners distributed these materials to schools whose students might be at risk in the event of an incident involving the stockpile.

These materials are intended for schools, teachers, and children, with separate versions developed for Grades K-2 and Grades 2-5. The introductory sections discuss the chemical weapons stockpile and the remaining pages focus on protective actions to be taken (evacuate, shelter-in-place, or await further instruction) using the Ready, Set, Act! concept. Individual pages address preparing shelter-in-place and evacuation kits and a family emergency plan. Introducing these ideas to children in schools has proven effective in engaging the entire family.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Jurisdictions with a protective action strategy that includes evacuation and shelter-in-place in the event of a hazardous chemical release should review these materials for applicability in their own communities. Educators can use the teacher's guides to develop a lesson plan.

REFERENCES

The two sets of coloring books and teacher's guides are available to download from LLIS.

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