

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MONTHLY

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## Major Accident/Incidents

A major accident/incident is one that could result in the loss of life, serious injury, damage to property and/or the environment. Events range from severe weather to wildfires and hurricanes to hazardous materials (HAZMAT). If you witness an Accident or Incident of any kind ensure you maintain a safe distance from the area, in general get at least 1/2 mile away. Remain in an upwind/crosswind direction, do not put yourself in unnecessary danger, and never handle any item(s) that were involved with the incident. Report the event immediately by calling 9-1-1. Should the incident involve a HAZMAT or toxic release into the atmosphere, first responders, specifically the Incident Commander, may direct personnel to Shelter In-Place (SIP), evacuate, or “stay inside”—here’s what you need to know:



Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Evacuation & Shelter In-Place Program

### Installation Mass Warning & Notification System (MWNS)

- **AtHoc Alert System**  
Registered users may receive texts, emails, and phone calls to alert them of major accidents and



what actions to take.

- **MDL 1650 AM Radio Station.** Tune radio to 1650 to receive urgent information. Continue to monitor until event termi-



nation and the “all-clear” is announced.

- **Giant Voice A** 3-5 minute steady siren indicates a Tornado Warning while a 3-5 minute wavering siren indicates an Active Shooter event. Giant



voice announcements will accompany the sirens.

- **Joint Base Social Media**  
The Joint Base Facebook page is always just as close as your cell phone and has the latest helpful information from the Public Affairs



### Shelter-In-Place (SIP)

Whether you are at home, work or elsewhere, there may be situations when it's simply best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside. There may be circumstances when staying put and creating a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside is a matter of survival. “Shelter-in-Place (SIP)” is the process used to seal rooms as a temporary protective measure to create a barrier between you and potentially contaminated air outside.

#### When directed to SIP:

- Shut off facility HVAC or adjust the thermostat (winter = turn to colder/summer = turn to warmer)
- Report to the designated Shelter In-Place room and open the SIP kit. The kit contains plastic and duct tape to cover doors, windows, and air vents. You will find it’s very helpful if your plastic has already been cut and labeled to match each door, window and vent in your SIP room.
- Once your plastic is securely taped and the room is sealed, take accountability of personnel in the room and make contact with your chain of command and/or control center by any means available i.e. office phone, text, cell phone, or email.
- Shelter In-Place is designed to be used for 2 to 3 hours so once the Incident Commander directs that it is safe for personnel to come out of SIP, open all facility doors and windows to allow fresh air in.
- Each facility on the installation is equipped with a Sector/Block sign and SIP kit (s) to aid in this process. Ensure all personnel are aware of the location of your Shelter In-Place room and SIP kit(s). Semi-annually, conduct SIP drills with facility occupants and document accordingly.

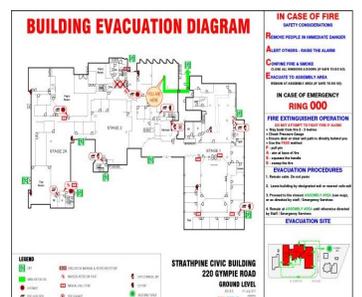
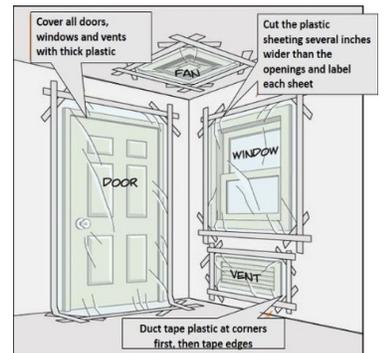
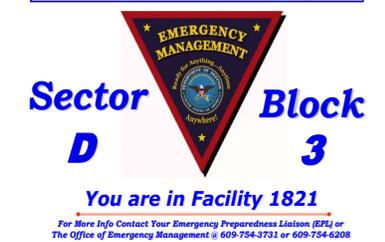
### Evacuation

#### When directed to evacuate:

- Quickly move personnel to their pre-designated evacuation location(s) at least 500 ft from the hazard area/facility.
- Building evacuations may be directed when the hazard affects individual facilities or an entire area.
- JB MDL is divided into sectors and blocks to help occupants understand where their facility is located and can quickly react when directed to SIP or evacuate.

### Stay Inside

Another option to the Incident Commander is a “Stay Inside” order. It’s issued primarily to protect personnel from possible fragmentation dangers associated with a suspicious package, vehicle, or bomb threat in or near their facility. This protective action directs facility occupants, if inside, to remain inside and avoid all exterior doors and windows. A Stay Inside order may be issued when facility Evacuation or Shelter in Place are not warranted. Any personnel outdoors in a hazard area should immediately follow the direction of responders when this or any other guidance is issued.



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