## **Emergency Action Plans**

• What Do I Do If Something Happens?

• Fire, Bad Weather, Active Shooter, Etc.

## **Severe Weather**

#### Tornado, Severe Thunderstorm, Flooding, Hurricane

• What to do in the event that severe weather is imminent



# Step 1: Sound The Alarm

- Remain Calm
- Let everyone in and around the facility know that severe weather is immanent.

#### Step 2: Go To Designated Safe Area

- In the event of a tornado, or severe thunderstorm , the safest areas are the ones away from the outside walls and windows
- Remain low to the ground (Reduce your target size with regard to flying debris)
- Get personnel accountability.



## **Step 3: Once The Threat Passes**

- Evacuate As Needed
- Get Accountability Of Personnel
- Check With Everyone To Ensure That All Are Fine.
  (If Necessary Call 911 Or Other Emergency Number)

## \*If Outside\*

- Find a sturdy structure and enter or get as low to the ground as possible
- In a tornado : <u>DO NOT</u> get into a vehicle
- Once the storm has passed, get accountability of Personnel
- Check to ensure that everyone is fine.

## \*Outside In A Thunderstorm\*

- Get into a vehicle
- Do Not take shelter under trees
- Watch the sky, listen for alerts on phones and local radio.



# \*Flooding\*

- Look for higher ground before this occurs
- Get accountability of personnel
- <u>DO NOT</u> drive in high water (Turn Around; Don't Drown)
- If you have them; put your PFD on
- Flash Flooding is a **KILLER**! Stay Alert.



# \*Things To Consider\*

- Down power lines (Stay Away)
- Storm debris (nails, glass, shifting debris, etc.)
- Injured and trapped individuals (locate and treat Injuries; for badly trapped individuals, let the professionals evacuate them)
- Watch out for injured and scared animals (they could bite).

### **Conduct A Severe Weather Drill**

- Follow the procedure outlined in the preceding slides
- Document that the training has been accomplished (Names, Identification #'s And Work Unit Description) (Maintain a record for a minimum of 2 years)

### **C)** Active Shooter



# 1) RUN

When an active shooter is in your vicinity

- If there is an escape path, attempt to evacuate
- Evacuate whether others agree to or not
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape if possible
- Prevent others from entering the area
- Call 911 when you are safe.



# 2) Hide

If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide.

- Lock Or Barricade Doorways
- Silence Cell Phones (Not To Vibrate)
- Remain Silent, Get Away From Windows And Doors (Don't Draw Attention To Your Hiding Place)
- Get Low To The Floor
- Hide behind large objects.



#### **Remain In Place**

- Do not leave from your hiding spot until rescue tells you to, or:
- It becomes unsafe for you to stay there
- When rescue people come they may treat you as though you were the one doing harm; remember they are responding to a call for help and have no clue as to what the shooter looks like or how many there may be. Follow All Of Their Instructions. After they make sure that you are not a threat, you will be treated differently.

### **3) Fight** As a last resort, and only if your life is in danger:

- Attempt to incapacitate the shooter. Dig out every dirty fighting method you can, to neutralize the assailant
- Act with physical aggression. A kick to the groin, a punch to the throat, stomp on the arch of their foot, poke fingers into their eyes, etc.
- Improvise weapons
- Commit to your actions.



### If You Incapacitate Them; Get The Item They Were Doing Harm With And Leave The Area

- If they recover you don't want them to start doing harm again
- Do Not hold the item in a threatening way (you WILL become the target of responders)
- Follow all law enforcement and rescue team commands
- Your life <u>Is</u> worth fighting for.

#### **Conduct an Annual Active Shooter Drill**

- Test employee knowledge of the procedures (Run, Hide, Fight)
- Document that the training has been accomplished (Names, Identification #'s And Work Unit Description) (Maintain a record for a minimum of 2 years).

### **Annual Training Is Required!**

OSHA 29CFR1910.38 Outlines Emergency Action Plans, Training Requirements, And Record Keeping

# **Family Preparedness**

- It is recommended that you conduct a home based fire and severe weather drill. (Protect Your Families)
- Is a home based active shooter drill needed? (Your Call, It Can't Hurt)