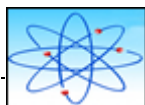




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Emergency Preparedness and Response



Radiation Emergencies

CDC has a key role in protecting the public's health in an emergency involving the release of radiation that could harm people's health. This site provides information to help people protect themselves during and after such an event. It also provides information for professionals involved in planning for and responding to this type of emergency.



CDC Responds to Earthquake, Tsunami, and Radiation Release in Japan

(<http://blogs.cdc.gov/publichealthmatters/2011/03/cdc-responds-to-earthquake-tsunami-and-radiation-release-in-japan/>)

On March 11, CDC immediately activated its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in Atlanta to respond to the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and subsequent tsunami and radiation release in Japan. CDC continues to closely monitor the effects of this disaster and is focused on making sure it is ready to support any requests that come in from Japanese colleagues related to public health.

Japan: Radiation and Health

- [Radiation Doses \(EPA\) \(http://www.epa.gov/radiation/understand/perspective.html\)](http://www.epa.gov/radiation/understand/perspective.html)
- [Food and Water Safety \(foodwatersafety.asp\)](#)
- [Radioisotope Brief: Iodine-131 \(I-131\) \(/radiation/isotopes/iodine/\)](#)
- [Radioisotope Brief: Cesium-137 \(Cs-137\) \(/radiation/isotopes/cesium/\)](#)
- [Radiation Dictionary \(/radiation/glossary.asp\)](#)

Fact Sheets

- [FAQs About Iodine-131 Found in Surface Water \(/radiation/isotopes/iodine131surfacewater.asp\)](#)
- [FAQs About Iodine-131 Found in Milk \(isotopes/iodine131andmilk_faq.asp\)](#)
- [Acute Radiation Syndrome \(ARS\) \(/radiation/ars.asp\)](#)
- [Potassium Iodide \(KI\) \(/radiation/japan/ki.asp\)](#)
- [Prussian Blue \(/radiation/prussianblue.asp\)](#)
- [All Fact Sheets > \(/radiation/factsheets.asp\)](#)

Japan: Info for Specific Groups

- [Travelers \(http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/2011-earthquake-tsunami-travel.aspx\)](http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/2011-earthquake-tsunami-travel.aspx)
- [Clinicians \(/radiation/clinicians.asp\)](#)
- [More groups... \(/radiation/groups.asp\)](#)

Related Resources

- [Social Media \(http://emergency.cdc.gov/socialmedia/japan.asp\)](http://emergency.cdc.gov/socialmedia/japan.asp)
- [What is CDC's Role in Emergencies? \(http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/whatcdcisdoing.htm\)](http://www.cdc.gov/phpr/whatcdcisdoing.htm)
- [U.S. Government Response to Japan Events \(USA.gov\) \(http://www.usa.gov/Japan2011.shtml\)](http://www.usa.gov/Japan2011.shtml)
- [Radiation Control Programs \(CRCPD\) \(http://crcpd.org/Map/RCPmap.htm\)](http://crcpd.org/Map/RCPmap.htm)
- [Recent Emergency Radiation Preparedness Conference \(http://cdcradiationconference.org/\)](http://cdcradiationconference.org/)

[Your Health and Safety \(/radiation/healthandsafety.asp\)](/radiation/healthandsafety.asp)



Protecting Yourself and Your Family

Preparing for an emergency and what to do during an emergency (</radiation/protectyourself.asp>)



Health Effects and Treatments

Health effects such as acute radiation syndrome; potential treatments (potassium iodide, Prussian blue, DTPA, Neupogen) (</radiation/healtheffects.asp>)



Radiation and Pregnancy

Possible health effects of radiation on pregnant women (</radiation/prenatal.asp>)



Types of Radiation Emergencies

Terrorist events (such as dirty bombs and nuclear blasts) and unintentional emergencies (such as reactor accidents) (</radiation/typesofemergencies.asp>)

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