

What to do in an **emergency.**



Go in, Stay in, Tune in

This leaflet contains important safety information for residents, workers and visitors to Portsmouth.

In the event of a major incident or other significant event, it may be necessary to issue instructions or advice on what to do. This may involve you taking shelter or evacuating to a safe zone.

What to do in an emergency.

How do I find out what I need to do?

- You will be told by members of the emergency services, shop or venue staff, local authority staff
- Messages will be broadcast
 - On local radio and TV news
 - Portsmouth City Council website
 - Public address systems

What should I do if I need to shelter?

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If you can, return to your home, workplace or accommodation:

- **Go indoors** – in most cases this is the safest place to be
- **Do not go to the scene** – you may become a casualty yourself
- **If your children are at school, the school will look after them** – going to collect your children may expose you and them to danger
- **Close doors and windows** – smoke from fires can contain harmful substances
- **Close curtains and blinds** – curtains can provide protection if the glass shatters
- **If possible, move to a room or hallway facing away from the fire/incident**
- **If you have health worries** – call NHS Direct on 0845 4647 or see www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk
- **Listen to local radio or TV for more news**
BBC Radio Solent 96.1 and 103.8 FM
Ocean FM 96.7 and 97.5
Wave FM 105.2

If you are outdoors and cannot return home immediately:

- Go to a shop, library, church or other public building
- Nominate one person to ring 999 and advise them where you are and how many people are there

Who to call:

Emergency services	999
Portsmouth City Council	023 9283 4092
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Local Police	0845 045 45 45

What should I do if I need to evacuate from my home or workplace?

The emergency services will advise you if you need to evacuate and where to go.

The local authority will open rest centres for people who have nowhere to stay. Transport will be provided if you cannot get to the centre.

Take the following items with you if you have time:

- Any medication you or your family need
- Cash, credit cards and important documents
- Baby food and toiletries
- Home and car keys
- Spare clothing
- Pets and pet food, if you cannot leave them.

Remember to turn off electricity, gas and water supplies, unplug appliances, extinguish all naked flames including candles, and lock all doors and windows.

