

# WHERE TO GO IN A RADIATION EMERGENCY



GET INSIDE



STAY INSIDE



STAY TUNED



NOT SAFE



SAFER

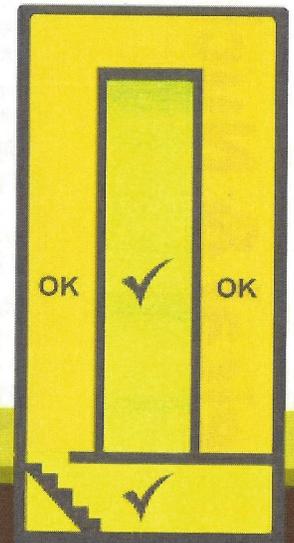


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If a radiation emergency happens in your area, you should get inside immediately.

No matter where you are, the safest action to take is to: **GET INSIDE. STAY INSIDE. STAY TUNED.**

- Close and lock all windows and doors.
- Go to the basement or the middle of the building. Radioactive material settles on the outside of buildings; so the best thing to do is stay as far away from the walls and roof of the building as you can.
- If possible, turn off fans, air conditioners, and forced-air heating units that bring air in from the outside. Close fireplace dampers.
- Bring pets inside.
- Stay tuned for updated instructions from emergency response officials.



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