

EXPLOSION

Observe the following procedures if you are in a building that suffers an explosion:

- Leave the building as soon as possible and activate the closest fire alarm. Do not stop to retrieve personal possessions or make phone calls. If objects are falling around you, get under a sturdy desk or table until they stop falling. Then leave quickly, watching for weakened floors and stairs and falling debris.
- If there is a fire, stay low to the floor and exit the building as quickly as possible. **DONOT USE ELEVATORS.** Cover your nose and mouth with a wet cloth or handkerchief. When approaching a closed door, use the back of your hand to feel the lower, middle, and upper parts of the door. Never use the palm of your hand or your fingers to test for heat. If the door is not hot, open it slowly and ensure that fire and/ or smoke is not blocking your escape route before continuing. Be prepared to crawl as smoke, poisonous gases and heat rise. If the door is hot, do not open it, but try to escape through a window. If you are on a high floor, hang a white or light-colored cloth outside the window to alert fire fighters of your location.
- If you are trapped in debris, do not light a match. Do not move about or kick up dust. Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or clothing. Rhythmically tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can hear where you are. Use a whistle if one is available. Shout only as a last resort when you hear sounds and think someone will hear you. Shouting can cause the inhalation of dangerous amounts of dust.

Evacuations – Information concerning will be disseminated should it become necessary. Many factors determine if a building or dormitory will be evacuated. The Division of Public Safety, in consultation with many other departments and agencies, will advise the community of the need to evacuate during an emergency and or areas being used to temporarily house those being evacuated.