



Radiological Emergency Evacuation and Plan Preparedness

As required by state and federal law, the Oswego County Legislature has developed an emergency preparedness plan in the event of a natural or man-made disaster. In particular, this plan addresses the possibilities of any type of situation at the nuclear power plants near the City of Oswego. The Center for Instruction, Technology & Innovation (CiTi) is part of this plan as our main campus and some of our satellite facilities are located within the radius of the ten-mile emergency-planning zone (EPZ) of the Nine Mile Point nuclear power plants. Essentially there are three types of action which may be taken depending on the severity of the situation:

Sheltering: Upon notification of a radiological emergency, students will first be sheltered within school buildings. Attendance will be taken while we wait for further instructions.

Early Dismissal: If enough time is available, the CiTi will close and each District will send transportation to campus to take their students to their District and, as necessary, back to their families. Adult students will also be dismissed. This response is similar to 'snow day or early dismissal' procedures. For more information regarding your District plans, please contact your District Superintendent.

Evacuation: Much more time is needed to safely and effectively evacuate CiTi students out of an endangered area. If such time is available, and if the situation is severe, the County Legislature Chairman will order CiTi to evacuate all students. Regardless of which District a student goes to, the student, will be transported directly to the Reception Center at the State Fair Grounds in Syracuse, unless there has been a release radioactive materials while still in the EPZ. In this case, students will first go to the Youth Building where radiological monitoring and decontamination will take place. Reunification with your student will take place at the Reception Center following the same pick-up procedure set forth by school district policy.

Please do not call the Emergency Management Office during an emergency. A phone number for parents and the public to call will be announced by the media and on the Oswego County Emergency Management website.

The following steps are essential for the success of our overall plan: First, listen to your radio for public announcements that the Legislature will issue as needed. Secondly, work with your District to determine their response. Third, plan for your own family's response to an emergency or disaster. Information about preparing for nuclear power plant emergencies can be found on the Oswego County Public Emergency Response Information Calendar at www.oswegocounty.com/emo.

To limit radiation exposure, use **TIME, DISTANCE and SHIELDING**.

TIME: Limit the amount of time outside.

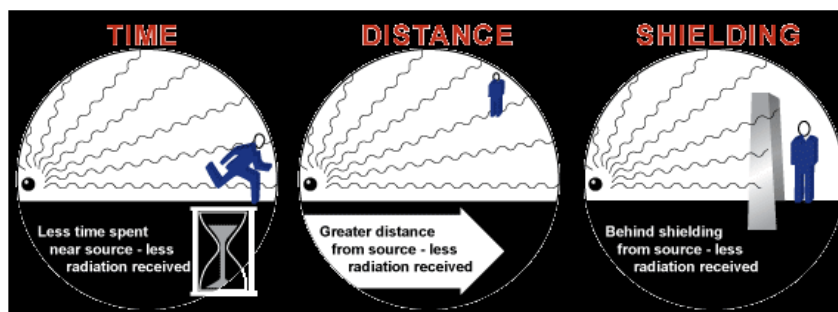
DISTANCE: Move as far away from the source as possible.

SHIELDING: Shield yourself from exposure.

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Potassium Iodide Distribution Information

Indication

Potassium iodide is indicated for thyroid blocking in the event of a radiation emergency. Staff will be directed when to distribute and assist in the administration of the medication by the CiTi Administration and at the direction of the Oswego County Emergency Management Office.

Contraindication

Potassium iodide should not be administered to those with an allergy or hypersensitivity to iodide, and those students who have been opted out by their parents or guardians.

Distribution

Instructors are designated to distribute KI tablets to their students. Supervisors are designated to distribute KI tablets to their employees. Packets containing KI tablets, instructions for administering the tablets and opt-out lists have been assembled for each class and work group. Packets for distribution to students and staff are stored in a labeled KI-kit in secured locations on CiTi Campuses. Smaller kits for staff in out-buildings will be stored in the main office of each building. When notified by the Oswego County Emergency Management Office of a radiological emergency, CiTi will activate their Radiological Emergency Plan. The KI Plan will be activated at the direction of the Chair of the Oswego County Legislature.

To help you prepare your family for a radiological emergency, KI is available to all individuals residing within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of the Nuclear Power Plants. Please call the Oswego County Emergency Management Office today to add to your emergency response kits. For those living residing outside the 10-mile EPZ and want to better prepare your family for a radiological emergency, KI can be purchased online or through your local pharmacy as this is an over-the-counter medication.

Since the CiTi Campus is located within the 10-mile emergency-planning zone (EPZ) the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission amended its policy on the availability and usage of the over-the-counter medication potassium iodide (KI) during a radiological emergency. As a result, New York State also revised its policy regarding providing KI to the general population in the 10-mile emergency planning zone surrounding the Nine Mile Point, Indian Point and Ginna commercial nuclear power sites.

The Chair of the Oswego County Legislature will consult with the Oswego County and State Health Department. Depending on the severity of the incident, CiTi will be directed to implement their KI plan for all staff and students. CiTi will

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have KI available on-site for your student and will distribute the appropriate dosage per the Oswego County and the NYS Department of Health KI Plans. The protection of the health and safety of all students and staff is our primary objective. We will follow the guidance and direction from the Chair of the Oswego County Legislature who is in direct consultation with the Oswego County Emergency Management Office and NYS Office for Emergency Management during a radiological emergency.

Dosage

KI is an over-the-counter **medication** that protects the thyroid from exposure to radioactive iodine. KI only protects one organ against one radioactive substance. It is not an alternative to evacuation or sheltering. In fact, evacuation and sheltering remain New York's primary public protective actions in the event of an accident at any nuclear power site.

All staff, Adult Education, CTE, and Exceptional Education High School students shall receive a dose of two 65mg tablets. Special Education elementary and middle school students shall receive one 65mg tablet.

Recommended Doses of KI for Different Age Groups		
Age Group	KI Dosage	Number of 65-mg tablets
Adults over 18 years	130 mg	2
Over 12 -18 years and over 150 pounds	130 mg	2
Over 12 -18 years and less than 150 pounds	65 mg	1
Over 3 -12 years	65 mg	1
Over 1 month to 3 years	32 mg	1/2
Birth to 1 month	16 mg	1/4

Tablets should be taken by mouth with plenty of water. Classrooms outfitted with faucets can use their respective faucet as a drinking fountain. Those without a water faucet or drinking fountain may be instructed to move their class to the closest water fountain for the administration of the tablet. For individuals who cannot swallow pills, tablets may be crushed and dissolved in 8 ounces of juice or water. Document the completion of this evolution with dosage given and time. Once complete, classes shall return to their respective areas and await further instructions. At no time shall students be moved outside. Document the completion of this evolution with dosage given and time.

If you do not want the school to provide your student with KI in a radiological emergency, you must fill out and sign the Potassium Iodide (KI) form and send it to the Safety & Risk Office. Please note that if you do not return the form and KI use is recommended by county officials, your student will receive KI.

If you have any concerns regarding the emergency use of KI or questions on your student's health and use of KI, please discuss this with your student's health care provider.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Safety & Risk Office:

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POTASSIUM IODIDE (KI) FORM 2023-2024

I understand that potassium iodide (KI) may be given to my student if recommended by the County and/or State Department of Health in a radiological emergency.

If you do not want the school to provide your student with KI in a radiological emergency, you must fill out and sign the Potassium Iodide (KI) form and send it to the Main Office and Safety & Risk Office. Please note that if you do not return the form and KI use is recommended by county officials, your student will receive KI.

I have read and understand the information provided on Radiological Emergency Evacuation and Plan Preparedness.

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I **DO NOT** want my child given potassium iodide (KI) in the event of a radiological emergency.

(Please complete this form and return it the CiTi Office, 179 County Route 64, Mexico, NY 13114)

Student's Name:

Date of Birth:

Instructor:

Parent/Guardian (Print):

Parent/Guardian (Signature):

Contact Information:
(phone or email)

Date:

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WILL RECEIVE KI UNLESS THIS FORM IS RETURNED.**

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