

EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Site-specific emergency action plans (EAP) must be in place for every jobsite. The EAP should be in easy-to-read type and posted in multiple locations across the jobsite, so every worker has the opportunity to review as needed.

The basic EAP that is posted should include:

- Address and description of the site location
- Emergency response numbers for 911, fire department, police, emergency responders
- Name and address of nearest medical facilities
- Map to nearest medical facilities



OSHA Standard 1926.35(e)(1) *Before implementing the emergency action plan, the employer shall designate and train a sufficient number of persons to assist in the safe and orderly emergency evacuation of employees.*

- Everyone on the job site should be aware of the Emergency Action Plan and familiarize themselves with the posted evacuation diagrams.
- All employees should know how to report an emergency situation.
- All employees must be aware of their role during any emergency situation. Most workers will follow evacuation or shelter-in-place safety procedures but some will have safety facilitator, medical rescue or critical operations roles.
- When working indoors, emergency exits should be clearly labeled, lighted and visible at all times. Emergency exits should NEVER be blocked, even temporarily.
- Assembly points at the exit discharge should be identified ahead of time and known by the employees.
- Workers should report to the designated assembly area immediately upon evacuation.
- No one should go home or to an offsite location other than the designated assembly area during an emergency evacuation.

Discussion

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How should you report an emergency situation?

If there were an emergency, do you know where the designated assembly area is located?