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Local authorities believe that people who were at (insert location) on (insert date and time) may have been exposed to the chemical cyanide. Public Health and other local authorities are investigating this incident.

Cyanide is a rapidly acting, potentially deadly chemical. People exposed to a small amount of cyanide by breathing it, absorbing it through their skin or eating foods that contain it may have some or all of the following symptoms within minutes:

- Rapid breathing
- Restlessness
- Dizziness
- Weakness
- Headache
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid heart rate

Exposure to a large amount of cyanide by any route may cause these other health effects as well:

- Convulsions
- Low blood pressure
- Slow heart rate
- Loss of consciousness
- Lung injury
- Respiratory failure leading to death

There is treatment. Cyanide poisoning is treated with specific antidotes and supportive medical care in a hospital setting.

If you believe you have been exposed, or if you have any of the symptoms associated with cyanide poisoning, please seek medical attention immediately.

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Public Health may open a mass medication dispensing site. That will be determined in the coming days, and the public will be informed as soon as that decision is made. Please stay tuned to local radio and TV stations for more information.