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## Headline

(Insert information about the event)

While investigating the scene, responders discovered materials that could be used to make what's called a "dirty bomb."

A dirty bomb is a mix of explosives and radioactive powder or pellets. When the explosives are detonated, the blast can carry radioactive material into the surrounding area.

Higher levels of radiation exposure may produce symptoms, such as: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and swelling and redness of the skin. If you were in the vicinity of (insert radiological event here) and develop any of these symptoms you should visit your doctor or the hospital.

Because people cannot see, smell, feel or taste radiation, you should take immediate steps to protect yourself and your loved ones.

If you were in the vicinity of the (insert event and time of event) and believe you may have been exposed to the radiation that has been detected, you should:

- Take off your outer layer of clothing and seal it in a plastic bag if available. Removing outer clothes may get rid of up to 90 percent of radioactive dust.
- Put the plastic bag where others will not touch it and keep it until authorities tell you what to do with it.
- Shower or wash with soap and water. Be sure to wash your hair. Washing will remove any remaining dust.

If you live in the vicinity of the (insert event), you also need to take precautions to avoid future exposure by:

- Staying in the building or home where you are and do not leave.

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- Keeping radioactive dust or powder from getting inside by shutting all windows, outside doors and fireplace dampers. Turn off fans and heating and air-conditioning systems that bring in air from the outside. It is not necessary to put duct tape or plastic around doors or windows.
- Covering your nose and mouth with a cloth if you must go outside. Once you are inside, take off your outer layer of clothing and seal it in a plastic bag if available. Store the bag where others will not touch it.
- Showering or washing with soap and water, removing any remaining dust. Be sure to wash your hair.

No one is being asked to evacuate at this time. As we receive more information about this incident and the radiation levels around that site, you will be notified.

If you have any questions about radiation exposure, or if you are experiencing symptoms of radiation exposure as mentioned earlier, please contact your local health care provider or hospital.