



On May 22, the member organizations of Chemical Valley Emergency Coordinating Organization are holding their annual Sarnia Area Disaster Scenario (SADS) Exercise.

What is it? Who takes part?

The SADS exercise is an annual coordinated response exercise carried out by CAER, Industry partners, and the municipalities as part of our ongoing commitment to safety and emergency preparedness.

Why do we do this?

This exercise gives us the opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of responses, processes, and resources associated with a regionally coordinated emergency event and helps to identify opportunities for improvement.

In a nut shell, doing these exercises helps to ensure we can work together to keep you safe in the case of an actual emergency.

Where will the exercise be held?

This year's SADS exercise is scheduled to take place on LaSalle line, east of Virgil Ave., close to Telfer Creek.

What do you need to do?

Be aware. Stay clear.

We want you to know what is going on so you don't panic, but it is also important that you stay clear of the event so you are not in harms way and we can concentrate on executing and evaluating our activities.

How can you find out more?

To find out more about why we test our unified command and response, what this means, and what you should do in the case of a real emergency, visit the Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) website @ www.caer.ca.



When to Shelter-in-Place?

Sarnia has a Community Warning System in place that uses several tools to alert the public. If there is a chemical release with the potential to impact the community, the outdoor Safety Sirens, located near the emergency, will be sounded for about three minutes and periodically re-sounded during the emergency.

- Stay inside
- Close all windows and secure doors (locking provides a tighter seal).
- Turn off all ventilation systems such as heating or air conditioning. Close fireplace dampers.
- If there are gaps in windows or doors, seal with tape or damp towels.
- Turn on local radio/TV for more information

Radio: 1070 AM / 103.9 FM CHOK, 99.9 Fox FM, and K106.3 FM
 Television: Emergency advisories may also be broadcast over certain COGECO television stations.



When to Evacuate?

When you hear sirens or local TV broadcasting interruptions other than Mondays at 12:30 noon you are directed to monitor your local radio stations for emergency instructions and most current information.

Do not evacuate unless instructed to do so by radio or Emergency Personnel. Exposure to chemicals could put you at risk, and unnecessary traffic could hamper emergency operations.

- Listen carefully to evacuation instructions and follow them exactly.
- Bring your pre-prepared family emergency kit.
- Gather essential items such as medication/dietary needs.
- Take items appropriate for the care, feeding, and entertainment of infants and young children.
- Register with the evacuation reception centre so you can be contacted and reunited with your family and loved ones. If you are going somewhere other than the evacuation centre, advise the staff at the centre of your intended whereabouts.
- Keep car vents/windows closed. Do not use air conditioner or heater.
- Keep pets caged or on a short leash.

NEVER dial 9-1-1 to obtain information. 9-1-1 should only be used to report information or request police, fire, or ambulance assistance.
Do not use your telephone unless absolutely necessary. Telephone usage often increases during a disaster and all available telephone lines may be required for emergency purposes. Unnecessary use of telephones may overload the system and cause it to "crash."