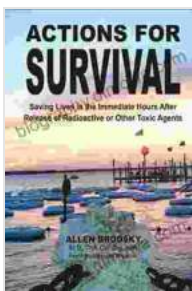


Saving Lives in the Immediate Hours After Release of Radioactive or Other Toxic Substances

In the event of a nuclear accident or other disaster involving the release of radioactive or other toxic substances, it is critical to take immediate action to protect yourself and others. The first few hours after a release are the most critical, as this is when the highest levels of radiation or toxins are present in the environment.



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There are a number of steps you can take to protect yourself, including:

- **Seek shelter indoors.** The best way to protect yourself from radiation or other toxins is to stay indoors. Choose a building with a strong roof and walls, and close all windows and doors. If possible, seal any

cracks or gaps around windows and doors with duct tape or plastic sheeting.

- **Stay tuned to local news and weather reports.** Local authorities will provide information on the situation and instructions on what to do. It is important to listen to these instructions carefully and follow them.
- **If you are outside, take cover.** If you are unable to get indoors, take cover in a ditch or other low-lying area. Shield yourself from the radiation or toxins with whatever materials you have available, such as a blanket or tarp.

li>**Do not touch or eat anything that has been contaminated.** If you come into contact with any radioactive or toxic materials, do not touch or eat them. Remove any contaminated clothing and wash your skin with soap and water.

- **Seek medical attention if you experience any symptoms.** If you experience any symptoms of radiation sickness, such as nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea, seek medical attention immediately.

It is also important to be prepared for a potential emergency by having a plan in place. This plan should include:

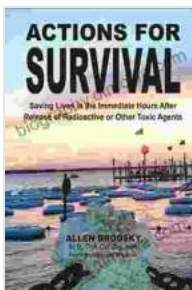
- A designated meeting place for your family.
- An emergency supply kit that includes food, water, first aid supplies, and a battery-powered radio.
- Instructions on how to turn off your gas and electricity.

- A list of important phone numbers, such as the local emergency management office and your doctor.

By following these steps, you can help to protect yourself and your family from the effects of a radioactive or toxic release.

Additional Resources

- Ready.gov: Nuclear Explosion
- CDC: Nuclear Power Plants and Radiation Emergencies
- EPA: Information about Radiation and Your Health



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