EVACUATION

In most situations residents will be asked to remain indoors. This is called <u>sheltering in place</u>. If advised to do this you should remain indoors, close all windows and turn off air conditioners or similar air handling devices.

If residents should be asked to evacuate, and you cannot relocate with family and friends, you will be advised where to go by the EAS system in your area.

Residents should have pre-determined meeting places set up with family members or friends outside the disaster area.

The Township maintains a list of those individuals with disabilities who require assistance during an evacuation. This information is voluntarily provided to the EMA office by the resident. If you require such assistance and wish to be added please contact the Township EMA office.

If you have any questions or would like a member of the Susquehanna Township EMA staff to speak to your neighborhood watch group or associations on disaster preparedness or response please contact the EMA office at 540-4296 or email susema@paonline.com

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY

911

Susquehanna Township
Municipal Building 545-4751

Susquehanna Township EMA 540-4296

Susquehanna Township Fire Marshal 540-4294

Susquehanna Township
Police 652-8265
(non-emergency)

Dauphin Cty. EMA 558-6900

CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES



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IMPORTANT FACTS

- Susquehanna Township consists of seventeen-andone-half square miles of residential, commercial, and industrial property.
- 2. Two of Pennsylvania's major highways pass through Susquehanna Township. Interstate 81 is one of the busiest North to South routes through Pennsylvania.

Also, U.S. Routes 22/322 is a major East to West highway through Pennsylvania and connects with U.S. Routes 11 and 15 (to Buffalo and Elmira, New York).

The potential of hazardous material accidents exists on these traffic arteries as both also provide connections to Interstates 83 and 76 (the east-west Pennsylvania Turnpike).

- 3. A mainline of Norfolk Southern railway service also runs through Susquehanna Township and provides for both passenger and transport railway service. The rail transport of hazardous materials creates potential hazards to life and property.
- 4. Within any year, several hundred thousand commercial aircrafts fly over the Central Pennsylvania area. Any accident involving an aircraft

- could result in large numbers of casualties and significant property damage.
- 5. The Township is located outside the plume exposure pathway Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, but is sufficiently close to this EPZ to feel the effects of specific incidents at the Generating Station.
- 6. The Susquehanna River borders the entire western boundary of Susquehanna Township. The river presents serious flooding potential, especially in the spring as snow melts in the mountains, forcing the river to rise often in combination with heavy spring rains or storms.

History indicates past hurricanes have been disastrous, as evidenced by Agnes (1972) and Eloise (1975).

Ice jams also pose a problem on the Susquehanna River (1996).

DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

Each family **should** prepare a Disaster Supply Kit of items that could come in handy if a power or utility outage would occur or if asked to evacuate.

The kit should include:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day) be sure to label water with date and replace every six months.
- A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned goods and a non-electric can opener.
- A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- First aid kit and any prescription medication.
- An extra pair of glasses
- A battery powered radio, flashlight, and spare batteries.
- Credit cards or cash.
- Extra car keys.
- A list of family physicians.
- Important family information.
- Special items for infant or elderly care.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Residents will be notified of an emergency situation, by either the Emergency Alert System (EAS) on local TV and Radio Stations or neighborhood route alerting, in some circumstances the sirens located throughout the Township will be used.