

If you are not involved in the incident, but are close by or believe you may be in danger, in most cases the advice is:

**GO IN, STAY IN, TUNE IN.**

## GO IN

As the safest place may be indoors, closing all doors and windows



## STAY IN

Until you are advised otherwise by the emergency services or local radio

## TUNE IN

To your local radio station or television for advice and guidance



**DO NOT** collect children from school unless you have been informed to do so, they will be properly cared for.

There are always going to be particular occasions when you should not 'go in' to a building, for example if there is a fire.

Otherwise: **GO IN, STAY IN, TUNE IN.**

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# What If?

Advice and information on what to do in an emergency



Helping you to help yourself in an emergency

This leaflet will give you advice on how you can help yourself and your family in certain emergencies. By planning in advance you can be prepared.

**Emergencies usually occur with little or no warning and can happen at anytime and anywhere.**

Emergencies can affect basic services and result in a loss of power, gas, water and telephones. Floods, fires and explosions could also threaten or damage your property. Emergencies could also lead to the need to evacuate from your home.

### General Advice about what to do in an emergency

**If you are involved in an emergency, it is important to:**

- Make sure 999 has been called if people are injured or if there is a threat to life
- Not put yourself or others in danger
- Follow the advice of the emergency services
- Try to remain calm and think before acting, and try to reassure others
- Check for injuries - remember to help yourself before attempting to help others

### Your Home Emergency Pack

**It would be useful to keep a supply of items in your home, making sure everyone knows where they are stored. Suggestions include:**

- Waterproof clothing
- Torch, batteries, candles and matches
- First aid kit
- Bottled water
- Long-life food – cans/dried
- Blankets / sleeping bags
- Baby food and pet food if applicable

### What you can do to prepare

**Find out:**

- How to turn off water, gas and electricity supplies in your home
- How your family will stay in contact in the event of an emergency
- If any elderly or vulnerable neighbours might need help
- How to tune in to your local radio station

### If you have to Evacuate your Home

**If you can, have a bag already packed with the following items or have a bag available to pack them:**

- A list of useful phone numbers
- Home and car keys
- Torch with spare batteries
- Battery radio with spare batteries
- First aid kit
- Mobile phone
- Cash and credit and debit cards
- Spare clothes and blankets
- Special Items for family members, babies, elderly etc

### Local radio stations:

- BBC Coventry & Warwickshire 94.8/103.7 FM
- Heart FM 100.7 FM
- Smooth Radio 105.7 FM
- Mercia 97/102.9 FM
- Touch 102/107.1/107.3/ FM

Make sure you have adequate household insurance and that you store important documents such as these and others carefully e.g. in a safe place from fire and flooding.