



How Do We Prepare for an Emergency?

You must know your employer's emergency plan.

Emergency planning includes:

- Warning system and signal to alert workers for evacuation.
- Everyone must know where emergency phone numbers are posted for hospital, fire fighters, utilities, etc.
- Everyone must know who the emergency coordinator is and who is trained in first aid/CPR.
- Everyone must be trained in the emergency plan and participate in regular drills.

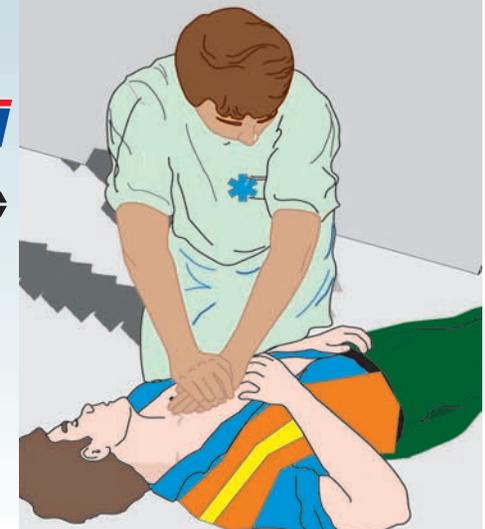
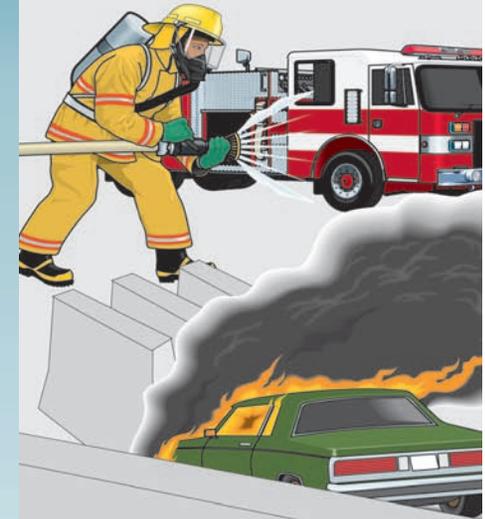


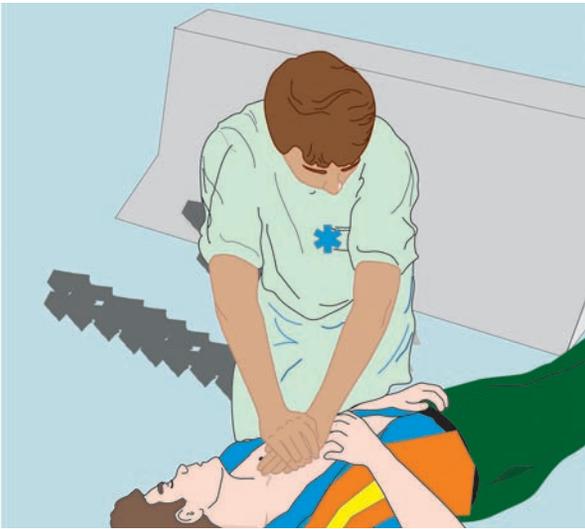
The time for emergency planning is long before an emergency happens.

Unless everyone knows exactly what to do in an emergency, the result may be catastrophic.

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What Emergencies Are Most Common?

There are many different types of emergencies that may happen on your job site. The most common types of emergencies that happen in road construction include:

- A worker is killed or seriously injured.
- Contact with a gas line or electrical power line.
- Trench collapse.
- Traffic entering the work zone.
- Toxic chemical spill.



What Should We Do in an Emergency?

Your employer must have a plan for emergencies.

Everyone on the job site must know what the emergency plan is.

Here are some possible emergency steps:

- Call 911 and get medical help as soon as possible.



- Contact on-site first aid/CPR.
- Shut off any equipment and evacuate area if potential toxic exposures or explosions.
- On-site emergency coordinator contacts fire department/emergency response team.

- On-site emergency coordinator contacts utility company if applicable.



After an emergency, if you find you have been affected by a tragedy or near miss, ask for counseling.