

Dirty Bomb Radio Live Reads

Long Version

Please pay close attention; this is an important safety message about the recent event involving a dirty bomb explosion. The following information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will help protect you and your loved ones.

A dirty bomb mixes explosives, such as dynamite, with radioactive powder or pellets. When the explosives are set off the blast carries radioactive material into the surrounding area.

A dirty bomb is not the same as an atomic or nuclear bomb.

For anyone in the area of the explosion:

If you were outside during or right after an attack in your area, the greatest risk to your health is breathing in radioactive dust or smoke. To protect yourself, the CDC recommends that you cover your nose and mouth with a handkerchief or cloth and go inside.

You cannot see, smell, feel, or taste radiation, so you should play it safe and take immediate action to protect yourself and your loved ones.

If you are in the area of the explosion and not already in a building with closed windows and walls that are intact go to an intact building close by immediately. Temporarily turn off the air conditioner or heater and close vents. Remove your outer clothing including shoes or boots and seal them in a plastic bag. Removing your clothes can get rid of up to 90% of the radioactive dust. Put the plastic bag where others will not touch it and keep it until authorities tell you what to do with it. Shower or wash with soap and water. This removes the remaining dust. If your pets are outside, bring them in and wash them with soap and water to decontaminate them.

If you have children or loved ones who are not with you, your first instinct may be to find them. Remember, leaving people sheltered where they are following the explosion is usually the best way to protect them.

Schools have emergency plans and shelters so if your children are at school, it is usually best for them to stay there until authorities tell you it is safe to travel. If you have to go outside for any reason, when you come back in, remove and bag your outer clothes and rewash with soap and water.

If you are in a car and close to the explosion site pull off the road, so that you don't block emergency vehicles. Close the windows and temporarily turn off the air conditioner, heater, and vents. Cover your nose and mouth with a cloth to avoid breathing radioactive dust or smoke. Listen to the radio for instructions. Stay in the car where you are until you are told it is safe to get back on the road.

During this emergency, try to remain calm and follow instructions provided by your public health officials.

For everyone in the listening area:

Law enforcement and public health officials are working together to contain the contamination and to determine the source of the attack. You can participate in keeping your family and community safe by following important instructions given to you by public health and law enforcement authorities. Please continue to listen to radio and television stations for updates.

For more detailed information on dirty bombs go to the CDC website:
www.cdc.gov or call 1-800-CDCINFO.

Short Version

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For anyone in the area of contamination:

You cannot see, smell, feel, or taste radiation. If you are near the location of the explosion these simple steps will help protect you: Cover your nose and mouth with a handkerchief or cloth and go inside.

If you are not already in a building with closed windows and walls that are intact go to one close by immediately. Temporarily turn off the air conditioner or heater and close vents. Remove your outer clothing including shoes or boots and seal them in a plastic bag. Removing your clothes may get rid of up to 90% of the radioactive dust. Put the plastic bag where others will not touch it and keep it until authorities tell you what to do with it. Shower or wash with soap and water. This removes the remaining dust. If your pets are outside, bring them in and wash them with soap and water to decontaminate them.

If you have children or loved ones who are not with you your first instinct may be to find them, remember though, that leaving people sheltered where they are following the explosion is usually the best way to protect them.

If you are in a car and close to the blast site pull off the road so you don't block emergency vehicles. Close the windows and temporarily turn off the air conditioner or heater and close vents. Cover your nose and mouth with a cloth to avoid breathing radioactive dust or smoke. Listen to the radio for instructions. Stay in the car where you are until you are told it is safe to get back on the road.

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