



## 2015 Shelter-in-Place Drill FACT SHEET

- **The Shelter-in-Place drill will begin at 11:00 a.m. on November 4<sup>th</sup>.** This coincides with the testing of the safety sirens in Contra Costa that sound at 11:00 a.m. **Or, if necessary, you can change to a time better suited to your site.**



**Please note: If you do not normally hear the sound of the sirens on the first Wednesday of every month YOU WILL NOT HEAR THEM ON Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>** Sirens are only **one** of the ways a Shelter-in-Place alert is broadcast. In an actual emergency, other tools to alert the public would also be used, such as KCBS 740AM radio, e-mail notifications (visit [www.incident.com](http://www.incident.com) to sign up), scrolling messages on CCTV, weather radio alerts, and the TENS system (automated telephone calls).

- Each site will determine how complex they want the Shelter-in-Place drill to be at their own facility. The scope can range from a tabletop exercise with staff to a full-scale drill bringing everyone inside to Shelter-in-Place. Drill can be as long as you want it to be.
- The drill is being sponsored by Contra Costa County CAER (Community Awareness Emergency Response) Group. CAER is a non-profit organization with members from fire, law enforcement, health services, emergency services, plus community and industry representatives.
- All public and private schools and childcare centers are encouraged to participate. This is a chance to be part of a countywide exercise that will receive media coverage and promote further awareness about Shelter-in-Place training and procedures.
- Participating schools and childcare centers that return a "participation sheet" will have their names posted on the CAER Web site at [www.cococaer.org](http://www.cococaer.org).
- City Councils in the County are being asked to proclaim November 5<sup>th</sup> as "Shelter-in-Place Education Day." The County Board of Supervisors will also proclaim November 4<sup>th</sup> as Shelter-in-Place Education Day.
- The Shelter-in-Place Drill is an annual event on the first Wednesday in November. Last year, approx. 200 sites participated and even more are expected to practice their Shelter-in-Place procedures this year. CAER sponsors the drill to promote emergency preparedness in our schools and childcare centers.

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