

Community Warning Systems



Your city and county Offices of Emergency Management have installed multiple **Community Warning Systems** to provide reliable, redundant methods of communication.

These systems can be activated to warn you about chemical releases, severe weather, and other emergencies that may require you and your family to take protective action.

- **Sirens** can wail and deliver a public address message describing the emergency and what you should do.
- **Emergency Alert System (EAS)** can be activated by city/county emergency management officials to broadcast an audio warning message or TV text “crawl” on local radio and television stations and cable television systems.
- **Telephone notification systems** such as Blackboard Connect, Nixle, and PIER System can dial registered cell, home and work phones, plus send email and text messages within a geographic area describing the emergency and what you and your family need to do.
- Call the **CAER Line** (281-476-2237) or visit www.ehcma.org/caerline to hear or read messages about an emergency or non-emergency event (such as firefighter training, drills, flaring or nuisance odors) at plants and refineries in east Harris County.

Shelter In Place Information



Wally Wise is a turtle who protects himself by quickly going inside his shell during any emergency. Wally teaches school children and their parents how to protect themselves during a chemical emergency by knowing how to **Shelter In Place**.

- **Go inside** your home, building or vehicle immediately.
- **Shut all doors and windows.**
- **Turn off air conditioning or heating** systems to prevent chemical fumes outside from getting inside.
- **Turn on the radio or TV** for official information. Emergency Alert System stations for the Houston area are KTRH-AM 740 and KUHF-FM 88.7
- **Keep phone calls to a minimum;** officials may try to call your home or business to provide more information.
- **Do not call 9-1-1** except to report an emergency if you need police, fire or an ambulance at your location.
- **Do not call or go to your child’s school;** the school’s staff is trained and prepared to care for your children.
- **Do not go to the incident scene;** avoid the area by driving in a cross-wind direction away from the scene.