

City of Cleveland

Downtown Emergency Evacuation Plan

The City of Cleveland has developed a plan to evacuate the vast majority of the downtown workforce, residents and visitors in times of emergency. The map on the reverse side indicates the different quadrants of the Central Business District. The following guidelines and concepts define the scope of the evacuation plan.

Primary Evacuation Zone: The Primary Evacuation Zone includes the four colored quadrants located in the center of the Downtown area. This area would be evacuated when a primary Evacuation Zone is ordered.

Secondary Evacuation Zone: The Secondary Evacuation Zone is highlighted in yellow and would be evacuated when both primary and secondary evacuations are ordered.

Precautionary Evacuation: When a Precautionary Evacuation is ordered, those affected should leave the area by the same mode of transportation which they traveled to the downtown area..

Quadrant A: Drive West on Lakeside or Detroit and onto Shoreway or over Detroit Avenue Bridge

Quadrant B: Drive East on Lakeside, St. Clair and Superior

Quadrant C: Drive East on Payne, Chester, Euclid, Prospect and Carnegie

Quadrant D: Drive South on Ontario, East 9th and I-71 and West on Lorain/Carnegie

- Vehicles will use the normal side of the roadway unless directed by safety officials to use both sides of the roadway.
- Inbound traffic will be restricted.
- Traffic will not be permitted to drive "cross town". You must drive by the designated routes or as directed by safety officials.
- RTA and Mass Transit will continue to operate in rush hour status using normal routes. You should be able to take your normal bus/train route home.



Emergency Incident Evacuation: Depending on the location and extent of an emergency the pre-designated driving routes may not be usable. Rather than use East 9th as the center point, the location of the incident would become the epi-center and all traffic would be directed outward from that point, **using as many pre-designated routes as possible.** Traffic Controllers will divert traffic to the most effective means available. Citizens should always follow the instructions of the traffic Controllers.



If the size or location of an incident prevents the evacuation of any portion of the downtown area and citizens must **WALK** from the downtown area; they should go to one of the **Pre-designated Transit Hubs** where they will be transported to **Outlying Temporary Shelters.** (see map for locations) Once at the shelters they will need to make arrangements for personal transportation. See map on reverse side for locations.

Safety Concepts to keep in mind:

- Know your buildings emergency procedures. They are critical to your safety!
- Always remain calm in any emergency.
- If an evacuation is ordered, use your pre-designated route for leaving the downtown area.
- If you cannot use your pre-designated route, heed all safety personnel instructions and/or follow the general flow of traffic.
- Pre-plan with other family members or car poolers how each will get home in the event of an evacuation.
- Plan and discuss secondary access numbers and meeting locations with your family members in the event that you are unable to contact each other using normal methods.