



Be Ready Tip(s) of the Month

October Tip: **Practice situational awareness!**

Not all hazards are acts of nature. Some may be acts of terror—Terrorists or lone actors can and have targeted government and military facilities. Others may involve industrial accidents, such as train derailments, chemical releases, or a nuclear power plant emergency. Be Ready.

Tip #1: Know your surroundings.

- Be alert for people, behaviors, or items out of the ordinary.
- Make note of the proximity of any major hazardous materials industries or rail lines in the area to the station and housing areas.

Tip #2: Trust your instinct—your body often responds to threats long before your consciousness has had time to process all the information.

- If something doesn't feel right, it probably is not right.
- Immediately leave the area.
- Alert someone of authority to the possible concern.

Tip #3: Most non-naturally occurring hazards come without warning—prepare now so that you have the tools to react quickly.

- Inform yourself about precautions and steps to take if you encounter possible threats.
- Make a plan for escape, evacuation, and communication with loved ones so that you can act on it immediately.
- Keep emergency supplies in your home, office, and car so that you have essential items where you need them most.

For more information on how to be prepared, view the Ready Coast Guard webpages at <http://www.uscg.mil/worklife/ready.asp>.

Be/stay informed, make a plan, build a kit and pass it on, so all are prepared.

Semper Paratus!