

Aitkin County

Emergency Response Procedures Plan for Aitkin County, Minnesota

This plan provides a framework for responding to emergencies within Aitkin County, Minnesota, including key contacts, local authorities, evacuation procedures, first aid and medical assistance, and how to report an incident.

1. Emergency Contacts

Key Emergency Numbers:

- Emergency Services (Fire, Medical, Police): 911
 - Highmark Companies:
 - HR Manager: (763) 270-7623
 - Risk & Compliance Manager: (763) 270-7619
 - Nurse Hotline: (844) 412-7951
 - Non-Emergency Law Enforcement: - Aitkin County Sheriff's Office: (218) 927-7435
 - Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222
 - Aitkin County Health Department: (218) 927-7200
 - Red Cross (Local Chapter): (218) 722-0071
 - National Weather Service (Weather Alerts): 1-800-664-2261
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2. Local Authorities

- Aitkin County Sheriff's Office
 - Phone: (218) 927-7435
 - Address: 217 2nd St NW, Aitkin, MN 56431
 - Services: Law enforcement, search and rescue, emergency coordination.
 - Aitkin Fire Department
 - Phone: (218) 927-7237 (Non-emergency)
 - Address: 301 Minnesota Ave N, Aitkin, MN 56431
 - Services: Fire suppression, rescue operations, hazardous material incidents.
 - Hill City Police Department
 - Phone: (218) 697-2365 (Non-emergency)
 - Address: 125 Lake Ave, Hill City, MN 55748
 - Services: General law enforcement, criminal investigations, and public safety services.
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3. Evacuation Procedures

Evacuation Routes and Shelters:

- Designated Evacuation Routes: Primary roads include U.S. Highway 169, State Highway 210, and State Highway 65. Local adjustments will be made as necessary.

- Evacuation Shelters:
 - Aitkin High School - 306 2nd St NW, Aitkin, MN 56431
 - Hill City School - 500 Lone Ave, Hill City, MN 55748
 - McGregor High School - 148 S 2nd St, McGregor, MN 55760

Evacuation Procedure:

1. Stay Informed: Follow local news, weather reports, and official social media accounts from authorities (Aitkin County Emergency Management, local police/fire).
2. Follow Authorities' Instructions: Evacuations will be directed by local law enforcement or emergency management personnel.
3. Secure Your Site: Secure windows and doors, unplug appliances.
4. Leave Early: Leave promptly if an evacuation order is given.
5. Special Needs Assistance: Contact Aitkin County Emergency Management at (218) 927-7435 for assistance.
6. Stay Together: Evacuate with the team when possible.

4. First Aid and Medical Assistance and Mental Health Crisis Support

First Aid Procedures:

- Basic First Aid Kit: Keep a well-stocked first aid kit at home, work, and in your vehicle. Include supplies like bandages, antiseptics, gloves, scissors, burn cream, pain relievers, etc.

Local Medical Assistance:

- Riverwood Healthcare Center
 - Phone: (218) 927-2121
 - Address: 200 Bunker Hill Dr, Aitkin, MN 56431
 - Services: Emergency care, trauma center, inpatient and outpatient services.
- Essentia Health Sandstone
 - Phone: (320) 245-5600
 - Address: 705 Lundorff Dr, Sandstone, MN 55072
 - Services: Urgent care, primary care, outpatient services.

In Case of Injury or Medical Emergency:

- Call 911 for immediate medical emergencies.
- Provide First Aid if you are trained, including CPR, wound care, or stabilizing injuries until medical help arrives.
- Transport to Hospital: If safe to do so, transport injured individuals to the nearest medical facility. Otherwise, wait for emergency responders.

Mental Health Crisis Services:

- Aitkin County Mental Health Crisis Line: (800) 462-5525 (Available 24/7)
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988 (Available 24/7)
- Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741 (Available 24/7)

5. How to Report an Incident

General Reporting Procedures:

1. Immediate Emergency Situations: Dial 911 for life-threatening emergencies, such as fire, medical emergencies, criminal activity, or accidents.
 - Provide clear details including your location, nature of the emergency, and any potential hazards.
2. Report Non-Emergency Incidents:
 - Notify your Project Manager or Supervisor at the office first. They will provide directions on any further reporting measures. As best as you are able stick to the facts with what you relay to them.
 - If Health or Safety related Notify Amy Robertson (HR) or if you are unable to reach them your Compliance Coordinator.
3. Non-Emergency Reporting:
 - Aitkin County Sheriff's Office: (218) 927-7435
 - Aitkin Police Department: (218) 927-2133
 - Hill City Police Department: (218) 697-2365
4. Public Health and Environmental Hazards:
 - Aitkin County Health Department: (218) 927-7200
 - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR): (651) 296-6157
5. Utility Emergencies:
 - Minnesota Power (Power Outages): 1-800-228-4966
 - CenterPoint Energy (Gas Leaks or Emergencies): 1-800-296-9815
 - Aitkin Public Works (Water and Sewer): (218) 927-3272