

# The Community Safety Plan

## *For Residents and Businesses in the Public Information Zone*

The Syngenta site in Huddersfield has operated as a chemical manufacturing site for over 100 years and manufactures a range of premium brand crop protection products, used by farmers to protect crops from pests, disease and weeds. Products made in Huddersfield help farmers get higher yields from their crops, providing better quality food and lower costs for consumers. The Huddersfield site has an important part to play in helping to feed a growing world population and makes a significant contribution to the local economy by way of jobs, apprenticeships and trade.

To meet the requirements of our Community Safety Plan, we have in place three very distinct, very loud public warning sirens, which will ensure that people nearby are alerted to any incident that may affect them and are able to take the appropriate action.

This is a precautionary measure and it is highly unlikely that an incident would occur, affecting people nearby. We regularly test our sirens on low volume (so as not to inconvenience people) and on full volume, once every year.

### The Community Safety Plan and Social Distancing

In the unlikely event of an emergency where our public warning sirens are sounding, our advice is to Go In, Stay In and Tune In. Under circumstances where social

distancing measures are in effect, staying indoors during such an emergency remains the safest option, even where there may be a breach of social distancing guidelines.

#### Q. Why is this information published?

We make chemical products and, as someone who occupies property close to our Manufacturing Centre, under the COMAH Regulations, we have a responsibility to tell you about the Community Safety Plan for this site.

#### Q. What will this information tell me?

The Community Safety Plan lays down what precautions you should take if an incident occurred which was likely to affect people off site and accordingly, the public warning sirens were sounding.

#### Q. Are there any particular hazardous substances that I should be aware of?

The COMAH Regulations require companies who handle more than a specified amount of certain chemical substances to tell their neighbours about them. A safety report has been submitted to the Health and Safety Executive and Environment Agency with regard to these matters. You need to be aware that we handle chemical substances which are classified under the regulations as toxic, very toxic, oxidising and flammable. These terms are used widely in industry to describe hazardous substances and can also be found on the labels of many domestic products such as bleach, paints and glue.

#### Q. What kind of incident could occur?

There are many, many controls in place to prevent incidents from occurring and these controls are regularly audited by both Syngenta and the Regulatory Authorities. This Community Safety Plan itself is in fact, a further control to

mitigate impact on people. In the unlikely event of these substances being released in an uncontrolled manner (or affected by fire), there could be an affect on the environment or people, if they were to come into direct contact with the resulting fumes or smoke. People having direct contact with such fumes or smoke may suffer breathing difficulties, watering eyes, skin irritation, or other harmful reaction and should seek medical advice.

#### Q. How would I know an incident has occurred?

If nearby residents were at risk, Syngenta would sound its Public Warning sirens and residents must follow the advice contained on this card to avoid contact with the fumes or smoke. If direct contact is unavoidable, seek medical attention.

#### Q. What warning would be given about an incident?

A Public Warning Siren would be sounded and advice would be broadcast on BBC Radio Leeds (92.4FM).

#### Q. Who else has been involved in drawing up the Community Safety Plan?

All of the following organisations have been involved in preparation of this Community Safety Plan:

- Syngenta
- Kirklees Council
- West Yorkshire Police, Fire & Ambulance Services
- Health and Safety Executive

# WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY

If you would like further information during an emergency, please ring the message line: **Tel No: 01484 554171**



If the powerful siren is sounded continuously for 5 minutes and then for 30 seconds every subsequent 5 minutes



## DO

Go indoors immediately and be prepared to offer shelter to others



Extinguish naked flames including pilot lights. Do not smoke.



Shut doors and windows and close off ventilation wherever possible



Listen to BBC Radio Leeds (92.4FM) and follow official advice on news bulletins or follow any instructions or requests made by the emergency services



## DON'T

Collect children from school. Nearby Schools have been notified of this plan. It is safer indoors whilst the siren is sounding.



Do not phone the Emergency Services unless you are injured or hurt. Lines need to be kept free for communications.



Go outside until the 'All Clear' message is broadcast on the radio.



Wait for the 'All Clear' message to be broadcast over Radio Leeds 92.4FM or to be given by the authorities.



*Hear the sirens, remember the message*

# GO IN - STAY IN - TUNE IN

**GO IN**side, you will be safer there.

**STAY IN**side, until you are told it is safe to come out.

**TUNE IN** to BBC Radio Leeds (92.4FM) who will broadcast bulletins from the Authorities.

## IN AN EMERGENCY THE POLICE HAVE ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY

### Who to tell

Could we please ask you to ensure that every member of your household, or all employees if you are operating a business in the area, are aware of the precautions described above. Additional copies can be provided on request.

### Hearing the siren

Some neighbours have advised us in the past that they have not heard the siren at the time of testing. There are two possible reasons for this; firstly, that the wind direction is such that it has carried the sound away from their home, or secondly that they have been indoors. In both circumstances, neighbours would, in the unlikely event of an emergency, be adequately protected, ie. they would be upwind of the site or indoors, which is the correct action to follow.

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Please keep this card readily available in the event of an emergency

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