



Discussion
Guide

For public health decision-making in a nuclear/radiological response



Discussion-based Activity Template

There are five major components to building your discussion-based activity or activities:

1. Complete Checklist to Determine Role of a Public Health Agency in a Nuclear/Radiological Response
2. Define Your Activity Scope
3. Choose Your Discussion Scenario
4. Identify Your Discussion Partners
5. Choose Your Discussion Category(ies) and Prompts

Mix and match these components to create activities that best suit your jurisdiction's time, needs, and available resources to discuss the public health agency's role in decision-making during a nuclear/radiological emergency.

This companion document provides an example of how to use *Discussion Guide for Public Health Decision-making in a Nuclear/Radiological Response*. For detailed instructions for each component of the guide, please refer to www.cdc.gov.

About Your Jurisdiction

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Checklist to Determine Role of a Public Health Agency in a Nuclear/Radiological Response

Note: Use the checklist to help determine potential areas of coordination, support, or management responsibilities for public health in your jurisdiction during a nuclear/radiological emergency. At a minimum, the lead public health agency for the discussion-based activity should complete the checklist.

Fill out the www.cdc.gov. Checklist answers can be summarized in a table with notes for planning discussions.



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Checklist Summary Table with Notes

Guide Section	Yes	No	Maybe	Planning Notes
EMERGENCY RISK COMMS				
HEALTH SURVEILLANCE & EPIDEMIOLOGY				
MEDICAL RESPONSE COORDINATION				
RADIATION HEALTH ASSESSMENT				
RESPONDER HEALTH & SAFETY				
LONG-TERM RECOVERY				
COMMUNITY RECEPTION CENTERS				



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Define Your Activity Scope

Note: Next, define your scope. Consider whether you will focus discussions more within public health, include partner agencies, or both. You may choose to focus on one activity within the capabilities and limitations of your local public health department, health department and healthcare coalition, or state health department, and then conduct a second activity with an expanded scope to include partner agencies.

Scope

Discussion-based Activity – Checklist Discussion

Activity Description



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Choose Your Discussion Scenario

Note: Choose one of these five scenarios for your discussion-based activity or create your own:

1. ***Small-scale Transportation Incident***
2. ***Nuclear Power Plant Incident***
3. ***Nuclear/Radiological Emergency***
4. ***Healthcare Facility Incident***
5. ***Overexposed Patients Incident***

Detailed descriptions of each scenario are available in the guide.

Scenario

Identify Discussion Partners/Choose Discussion Categories and Prompts

Note: Based on your planning priorities, findings from your checklist, or discussions with your planning team and other partners, select the areas of involvement and discussion prompts that best fit your discussion needs and the objectives of your discussion-based activity or activities.

Activity Description



Partners

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Objectives

1.
2.
3.



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Categories Addressed

1.
2.
3.

Put It All Together

Activity 1

Activity Objective

Discussion Category (or Categories)

Activity Partners

Discussion Prompts

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Activity 2

Activity Objective

Discussion Category (or Categories)



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Activity Partners

Discussion Prompts

- _____
- _____
- _____

Activity 3

Activity Objective

Discussion Category (or Categories)

Activity Partners

Discussion Prompts

- _____
- _____
- _____

Summary and Next Steps