Ways of warning the population

What everyone should know

Pursuant to Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 42/1994 Collections of laws on civil protection of the population

The population is warned by warning signals:

- „**GENERAL DANGER**" – a two-minute fluctuating tone of sirens is then supplemented with verbal information. The oscillating tone of the sirens lasting 2 minutes during the state of war and during the war also declares a threat in the event of a possible air attack on the state's territory. Verbal information in the event of such a threat contains the definition of the territory for which the threat is declared and the term "AIR ALARM".
- **„WATER DANGER"** - a six-minute constant sound of sirens when threatened by the destructive effects of water.

The end of the threat or the end of the consequences of an extraordinary event is announced by a signal "END OF THE THREAT" - with a two-minute continuous tone of sirens without repetition.

Warning signals and the signal "END OF DANGER" are subsequently supplemented with spoken information through mass information media.

Every second Friday of the month, at 12:00 a.m., the warning systems are tested for operability with a two-minute continuous sound of sirens. The radio will inform you about the regular testing of the functionality of the sirens and about other tests outside of this period!

What should be done when the siren sounds?

- listen to its sound and find out what it is warning you about;

Seek shelter as quickly as possible, i.e.:

- If you are at home - gather the whole family and do not leave the apartment.
- Do not try to pick up children from schools and preschools, the children will be taken care of.
- Create an isolated closed space - close and seal windows, doors and fans, turn off the air conditioning (tape leaks, larger leaks can be sealed with tissues soaked in water with dissolved detergents).

  By closing the space, you reduce the likelihood of your own danger.
- Extinguish open fires and other burning devices.
- Watch radio and television broadcasts and follow the broadcast instructions.
- Call only in an emergency, do not load the phone lines, especially do not call emergency numbers.
- Take care of pets and farm animals.
- Wait at home for further instructions.

How to proceed:

- **when the siren sounds?**
- **in caseof leakage of dangerous chemical substances?**
- **when attacked by persons with firearms?**
- **In the event of a fire?**

How to proceed in case of leakage of dangerous chemical substances?

- quickly leave the endangered place (always perpendicular to the direction of the wind);
- take shelter as soon as possible in a closed room (if shelter is available, then in it);
- close and seal windows, doors and other openings (creating an isolated enclosed space);
- turn off the ventilation;
- put out open flames, turn off gas appliances;
- watch broadcasts in mass media (radio, television);
- follow the broadcast instructions, do not underestimate the risk;
- prepare your evacuation luggage;
- prepare means of improvised personal protection (hold a moistened folded cloth over your mouth and nose);
- call only in an emergency (do not load the phone lines);
- provide assistance to the sick, disabled, elderly, persons unable to move, take care of unattended children;

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How to proceed in case of leakage of dangerous chemical substances?

- feed the pets, give them water and lock them up;
- keep calm and poise;
- leave the building only when instructed;
- if you are outside the building, your decision depends on the direction of the wind spreading the hazardous substance from the source of the leak and your location (if you are in the direction of the wind and you are pressed for time, immediately seek shelter in buildings and proceed as if you were in them);
- wait for further instructions.

Never hide in basements and terrain irregularities (depressions, pits, ditches, etc.) as most gaseous chemical substances are relatively heavier than air!!!

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How to proceed in the event of an attack by persons with firearms?

We follow the motto: **ESCAPE! HIDE! FIGHT!!!**

ESCAPE!

Find out which direction the gunfire or screams are coming from and **run in the opposite direction.**

- **Drop the load**.
- **Follow the crowd**. If you are in a public building, follow the employees, they know best which way is the exit.
- If you are in a building, look for marked **emergency exits.**
- Run as far as you can, **don't stop** until you're 100% sure you're safe.
- If the attacker shoots, do not run straight, **but zigzag**. It is more difficult for the attacker to shoot at a moving target.

If you can't run, **HIDE!!!** Another side

How to proceed in the event of an attack by persons with firearms?

HIDE!

- If you are in a room, **barricade the door**. Do not let anyone into the room until you are 100% sure it is over.
- If you're in an open space, **look for bulletproof barriers** (concrete walls, thick posts, massive trees).
- Hide so the attacker can't see you or get to you (ideally both).
- **Turn off the ringer** on your phone, **don't make any sounds**.
- Not be in a hurry when choosing a hiding place - if you hide wrongly, it will cost you your life.
- As long as you know that your hiding place will be exposed (you can hear the attacker coming), prepare to fight.

If there is no suitable shelter nearby, **FIGHT!!!**

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How to proceed in the event of an attack by persons with firearms?

FIGHT!

- The attacker does not expect that the victims will fight back. **The moment of surprise** works in your favour.
- If possible, find a **tactical cover** before the fight, from where you can surprise the attacker.
- When you decide to fight, you must go **with maximum commitment and brutality**.
- If you have **a weapon** with you, don't hesitate to use it.
- If you don't have a gun, use **any suitable object** (fire extinguisher, metal rod, cobblestone, chair, etc...).
- **Attack the attacker's head**, eyes, other weak points!
- The goal is to **disarm the attacker, neutralize him** - knock the weapon out of his hand, put him on the ground, immobilize him.

When you are safe, **CALL!!!**

Call 158 and provide as much detailed information as possible about the attack.

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How to proceed in the event of a fire?

- report the detected fire without undue delay to the emergency number 112 or 150;
- if possible, extinguish the fire or take the necessary measures to prevent its spread;
- close the gas supply;
- if possible, take people and animals to a safe distance, take out valuables;
- clear access roads for emergency services;
- do not complicate the work of the rescue services after their arrival at the scene of the incident;
- at the request of the commander of the intervention, the commander of the fire protection unit, provide material or personal assistance.

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When you need help in case of danger, contact:

Regional Department of the Košice North Police Force:

tel. number: 09619/31755, e-mail: ooke.sever@minv.sk

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