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Residents within the RAF Brize Norton Public
Information Zone

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Dear Neighbour,

MAJOR ACCIDENT EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

In 2001 the Ministry of Defence introduced Major Accident Control Regulations in response to a European Union Directive (96/82/EC) and UK Legislation. RAF Brize Norton came under these Regulations and my predecessors wrote to you, enclosing a Major Accident Emergency Instruction leaflet. I am now required, in accordance with these Regulations, to re-issue the advice contained within the leaflet.

In common with many Ministry of Defence establishments and to support national defence activities, RAF Brize Norton continues to store substances classified as hazardous (such as fuel and explosives). We have teams of highly trained professionals who are experienced in handling these substances who operate under very stringent laws and regulations relevant to our operations. The installations where hazardous substances are stored and handled, are licensed under strict International, National and Ministry of Defence standards set by expert groups and overseen by independent authorities. Rigorous inspections and frequent audits ensure safety standards are not only maintained but continuously reviewed and improved.

Under these Regulations, our robust internal plans at RAF Brize Norton for dealing with possible emergencies were extended to encompass emergency plans made by the Local Authorities. These involve County and District Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance), Health Authorities, Utilities (Water, Electricity, Gas), Conservation and Environment Authorities. This increases the awareness and the preparedness of organisations and people in and around the site, making them aware of the hazards present on the establishment and the actions to take should there be an emergency.

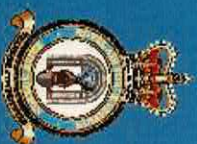
The enclosed leaflet should not cause alarm, the hazards have not changed and risks of a major accident remain remote; however, with my recent uptake as Head of Establishment, it appears a sensible time to refresh the advice and remind our neighbours of the warnings that will be given and the actions to take in the event of an emergency.

Should you have any concerns regarding the operations at this establishment then please do not hesitate to write to me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C O'Grady".

C O'Grady
Group Captain

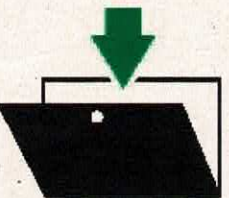




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Emergency Instructions Guidance

In a major emergency involving RAF Brize Norton, if you are not involved in the incident, but are close by or believe you may be in danger, follow Government advice and:



GO IN to a safe building.



STAY IN until you are advised to do otherwise.



TUNE IN to local TV, radio or social media pages for more information.

GO IN STAY IN TUNE IN

- Go immediately into a house or building.
- Close all external doors, turn off ventilation systems.
- Close all windows and curtains.
- Close all internal doors and go to a room facing away from RAF Brize Norton.

STAY Remain indoors until you receive instructions from the police.

TUNE your radio to the local radio stations (BBC Radio Oxford 95.2 FM & JACK 106.4 FM) or tune into BFBS Brize Norton on local DAB.

Resist the urge to use your mobile or landline telephones, **unless it is an emergency**, as doing so may cause congestion of the telephone networks.

PLEASE CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES.

This leaflet is produced in accordance with the MOD Major Accident Control Regulations to advise you what to do in the unlikely event of a major incident occurring at RAF Brize Norton.

Please read this carefully and follow the instructions given if a warning is implemented.

Householders are advised to ensure that all occupants understand the instructions. Responsible persons in business or community premises should also be familiar with the actions required to enable them to instruct occupants in the event of a major accident.

This leaflet should be kept in an accessible place and passed on to subsequent occupiers. It should be prominently displayed in business or community premises. Additional copies may be obtained from the **RAF BZN Media Communication s Office**.

In the unlikely event of a major incident, emergency instructions may also be available via social media pages:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/royalairforcebrizenorton - Twitter: @RAFBrizeNorton - Local Council: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk