

Radiation Emergencies: What to Expect at a Community Reception Center (CRC)

Accessible link: <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/emergencies/crcs.htm>



Each CRC may be a little different. These are the services that you may receive at a CRC, but you may not need to receive all of these services.

Triage (Sorting)

Upon arrival at a CRC, officials will tell you where to go next.



First Aid/ Medical Care

You will receive first aid services for minor injuries or burns.



Radiation Dose Assessment

You will receive further screening to measure the amount of radiation you received. You may be referred to a hospital or clinic for follow up.



Registration

Once screening shows no contamination, you will go to registration. Officials will collect information about you, your contamination levels (if any), and any symptoms.

IF NEEDED

Contamination Screening

Officials scan you to see if you are contaminated.



IF NEEDED

Decontamination (Wash Station)

If you are contaminated, you will be asked to wash or shower and be given clean clothes. You will be screened again.



IF NEEDED



Leaving CRC

When you are discharged from the CRC, you may return home or be directed to a public shelter. You will receive instructions for medical follow up, if needed.

For more information visit: www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/emergencies/crcs

Special attention is given at CRCs to maintain these priorities:



- Keeping families together
- Keeping caretakers and service animals with the people they serve
- Assisting those with access or functional needs



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