# PUBLIC GUIDANCE FOR A NUCLEAR DETONATION

## If this happens

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<th>Sirens sound Attack-Warning signal</th>
<th>Emergency Alert System (EAS) advisory</th>
<th>Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system advisory</th>
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## Take Immediate Action

1. **If you are indoors**, stay indoors well away from windows.
2. **If you are outdoors**, seek immediate shelter in a building preferably a concrete structure such as a commercial building or parking structure.
3. **If you are driving**, pull safely to the side of the road and seek shelter in a nearby building or lie flat on the ground.
4. **DO NOT** look at the flash of light.

- **Surviving the immediate effects of a nuclear detonation** (blast, shock, thermal radiation, initial nuclear radiation) requires sheltering in resistant structures
- **You may have only minutes to take protective action** – take immediate action without delay
- **There are no designated blast or fallout shelters** in Hawaii
- **Light generated by the weapon will damage unprotected eyes**

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1. **Remain sheltered** until you are told it is safe to leave or two weeks (14 days) have passed, whichever comes first.
2. **You may be advised** that it is safe to leave your shelter for short periods of time to locate food, water and medical care.
3. **Electrical, water and other utilities** may be severely disrupted or unavailable.

- **Following the detonation**, sheltering from radioactive fallout for up to 14 days is critically important
- **Public may need to briefly leave their shelters** to locate essential supplies and equipment
- **Emergency Management will assess residual radiation levels and advise when sheltering can be discontinued**

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1. **Listen to local AM-FM radio stations** for official information.
2. **Cell phone, television, radio and internet services** will be severely disrupted or unavailable.
3. **Small portable walkie-talkies** may give you communication with nearby shelters.

- **Local AM-FM broadcast radio** is most survivable and may be useful in advising the public post-detonation
- **Other communication technologies may be damaged by weapons effects such as EMP**
- **FRS** and GMRS radios are widely available in the community and may be useful in keeping people in communication with one another

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1. EMP = Electromagnetic Pulse
2. FRS = Family Radio Service (unlicensed); GMRS = General Mobile Radio Service (licensed)