



*Consulate General of the United States of America
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia*

EMERGENCY MESSAGE TO U.S. CITIZENS
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CHEMICAL SPILL

The Consulate General advises U.S. citizens that the Civil Defense Authority released a message this morning announcing an industrial accident last evening at the facility of Middle East Engineering Ltd, in the Dammam First Industrial City. According to authorities, a chemical leak in the early morning hours has caused severe respiratory problems. As a result, schools and businesses have closed in the following neighborhoods: Abdullah Fouad, Dammam Eskan, Nasrya, Khaldia, the railway neighborhood, Rayan, Jameyeen, Markabat, Rawda, Labor City, Prince Mohammed bin Saud neighborhood, National Guard, Safa, Petromeen, and Nozha.

Local authorities and sources report that the spill has been contained and the effects of the chemicals should dissipate in approximately 12 hours.

The Consulate General advises U.S. citizens to avoid the area. Those residents who are not able to temporarily leave the aforementioned neighborhoods should comply with the Civil Defense Authority recommendation to stay in their homes and close all doors and windows.

The Consulate General will continue to monitor and assess the situation, and will advise as new information becomes available.

American citizens are reminded to keep their travel information up-to-date

<https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>

You can also review earlier Warden Messages at

<http://riyadh.usembassy.gov/service/advisories-for-americans-in-ksa/warden-messages.html>

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