

Sample News Release
(for discovery of dangerous source in a public place (e.g. customs or post office):

Date: [date of issue]

Time: [time of issue]

[News Release Number]

[Organization name] confirms that the dangerous radioactive material was discovered at [specify]. According to the information received at this time, the material was discovered at [time and location]. Reports indicate that [any confirmed information on effects] and that [any initial measures] measures are being taken to protect [the public or specify as appropriate]. The [specify plan as appropriate] emergency plan has now been activated [and we have activated our public information centre].

The public is advised on the following:

- those who may have been near to where the material was found within the past [specify time interval] and/or may have been near to it while it was being carried/shipped [specify details] should contact [specify] to be assessed and get instructions.

Medical practitioners are advised of the possibility that patients may present with symptoms of radiation exposure [burns with no apparent cause — the person does not remember being burned]. If you believe you have information that may be helpful or questions please call [give a hotline number where a large number of calls will not interfere with the response].

We will be providing further information as soon as it becomes available. [Provide details on timing of any updates or briefings]. The next [briefing/update] will take place at [location and/or time].

For further information:

Name [name of contact for the media]:

Title [title of media contact]:

Organization:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Website: