ATSDR Community Communication Toolkit

Quick Reference Guide

This Quick Reference Guide is intended to help users quickly identify what tool to use for specific activities. Please see the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Communication Toolkit User's Guide for more details on these tools and how each fits into the site assessment process in working with the community.

I Want To	Tool To Use
Find Out More About the Community	
find out what the public understanding is of a potential environmental risk before interacting with the community	Brief Community Survey
have all the pertinent data about the community I'm working with in one place	Community Data Worksheet
determine the level of concern in the community I'm working with	Community Concern Assessment Tool
conduct a quick, informal analysis of media coverage to get a sense of community perceptions of risk and public outrage	Media Analysis Guide
conduct stakeholder interviews to learn more about the community and how the situation is affecting its members	Stakeholder Interview Guide and Protocols
identify and track contact information for key stakeholders and potential partners	Stakeholder/Partner Outreach Tool
Materials to Use for Community Outreach	
explain what ATSDR is, what ATSDR's role is, the health assessment process, and set expectations	Introductory Video
develop different materials about the potential hazard using emergency risk communication principles	Guide to Materials Development
use an ATSDR-approved slide deck to help explain the process and customize messages to my site's situation	PowerPoint Presentation
know how to craft messages to address community assessment findings	Message Maps
develop communication materials to keep in touch with the community to maintain its trust and support	Continued Contact During the Assessment Period
Tips to Improve Communication	
know what to do to convene a successful community meeting	Community Meeting Guidelines



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know how to effectively hold a community meeting where results of the assessment are communicated	Tips for Communicating Assessment Findings
Evaluate Outreach and Communication Activities	
assess whether community concerns have been addressed and whether site closeout can begin after ATSDR has delivered assessment findings	Brief Community Survey
assess ATSDR's outreach efforts at various community events	Outreach Event Evaluation Form