

# If you find a radioactive source—BEWARE!

## What you should do

### RECOGNIZE THE RADIATION SYMBOL



### DO NOT TOUCH THE SOURCE!



### KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

(10 TO 20 FEET)

Step away from the source—20 feet or more is preferable. If possible, stand behind a wall or some other substantial structure; this will reduce your exposure.



### WARN OTHERS AND SECURE THE AREA



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## Background Information

Each year a number of radioactive items are lost, stolen, or abandoned. Some of these items are recovered by scrap metal yards, recyclers, landfill, personnel, or the public. Facility operators should familiarize themselves with this information to be better prepared should they find radioactive material.

### RADIATION WARNING SYMBOL

This symbol should appear on containers and devices that are radioactive. The symbol may be colored differently, etched, or stamped on items and is sometimes accompanied by words of warning. Not all containers or devices that are radioactive will be marked with the symbol.



The receipt, possession, use, and transfer of this device is subject to a general license and the regulations of the USNRC or of a State with which the NRC has entered into an agreement for the exercise of regulatory authority.

**DO NOT OPEN THE SIGN MODULE** unless specifically licensed by the NRC or an agreement State.

**DO NOT ABANDON OR DISPOSE OF THIS SIGN** except by transfer to persons specifically licensed by the NRC or an agreement State. Use of this sign prohibited if there is any indication of failure of, or damage to containment of radioactive material.



CAUTION RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL  
REMOVAL OF THIS LABEL IS PROHIBITED

Tritium EXIT sign label

## Items that could be radioactive



Metal Drums



Industrial radiography camera



Luminescent devices



Soil density gauge



Static eliminator



Industrial gauges



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