

DRAFT

POTASSIUM IODATE TABLETS

PLEASE COMPLETE IN CAPITAL LETTERS

Householders name	
Address	
Telephone number	

Total number of adults in household

Total number of children aged 9 years or over

Total number of children under 9 years


Please sign below to show that you have read the accompanying letter, and are able to keep tablets safely.

Signed.....  
date.....

Please return this form in the envelope provided as soon as possible.

## Draft letter to householders

Dear Householder

### *Devonport Public Safety Plan: distribution of potassium iodate tablets*

The Devonport Public Safety Plan (Devpubsafe) is the emergency plan covering all the actions that would be taken in the highly unlikely event of there being a nuclear accident in the dockyard. Advice to the public is described in the booklet "What to do in a nuclear emergency", produced by the Ministry of Defence.

The plan includes that, in certain circumstances, the public might be advised to take potassium iodate tablets. These tablets help to protect against the effects of radioactive iodine, which is one of the gases that could be released following an accident. **In the event of an accident, these tablets would be distributed to those who required them.**

If you live within 550 metres of the submarine berths, the Navy will soon provide tablets for you to keep at home.

It is now possible for members of the public who live within 2 km of the submarine berths to hold their own stocks of tablets. If you wish to do this, then you should be aware of the following:

1. **These tablets should be stored safely, away from children and animals, where they can be found easily, if necessary. They will be supplied with information about the required dose, side effects and contra-indications. They should only be taken in the event of a nuclear accident, in which case clear advice to do so would be given on the radio.**
2. **The tablets expire in 3 years time and will need to be replaced.**

If you would like to have tablets for your household, please complete the attached form and return in the envelope provided. Tablets should arrive within 28 days.

If you need further information, please write to:

Yours sincerely

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