## **Bio-Terrorism**



(picture courtesy of Associated Press)

Just minutes after a terrorist hijacked plane crashed into the north tower of the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001, another terrorist-controlled plane crashed into the south tower, creating a massive fireball.

## What will the terrorists do next? Bio-Terrorism

Chemicals or microorganisms turned into weapons at the hands of terrorists is a picture many people have not had or did not want to imagine until recently. Following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, this scenario has many people asking: "Who or what is going to protect me and my family?"

The answer lies in a strong and flexible public health system at local, state and national levels. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) has been working with public health care providers across the nation since 1998 to incorporate mitigation and disaster response measures into their existing diaster plans for the bio-terrorism threat.

But as of yet, FEMA and the American Red Cross have not issued official guidelines for individuals and families. Until such official guidelines are released and made available to the general public, we at PEP-C maintain that if you are prepared for an earthquake, you will be prepared for just about any disaster.

This website was designed to help individuals and families move through the preparedness process easily and affordably. Being prepared will give you options and put resources at your disposal before, during, and after most disaster or emergency situations. Being prepared will increase your odds of survival and raise your level of comfort. If you have not already done so, we recommend that you prepare yourself and your family to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours.

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