

**Sample News Release  
(for a lost or stolen source):**

Date: [date of issue]

Time: [time of issue]

[News Release Number]

[Organization name] confirms that a dangerous radioactive item was lost/stolen [specify]. According to the information received at this time, it was lost/stolen [specify] at [time and location]. The [specify the governmental organization leading the response] is [specify initial measures being taken, e.g. conduct a search] and is asking the public for help in finding this dangerous item. The [specify plan as appropriate] emergency plan has now been activated [and we have activated our public information centre].

The item looks like [describe and provide picture or drawing if possible].

The public is advised on the following:

- This item is very dangerous and if found should not be touched and everyone should keep at least 10 metres away from it.
- Those who may have seen the item should immediately report on it to the [specify].
- If you touched or have been near the item you should contact [specify a phone number where large number of calls will not interfere with the response].

Medical practitioners are advised of the possibility that patients may appear with symptoms of radiation exposure [burns with no apparent cause — the person does not remember being burned].

Scrap metal dealers and buyers of used metal items are asked to be on alert.

If you believe you have information that may be helpful, 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].

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For further information:

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