For more information on Emergency Action Tubes, call (217) 902-5204 or visit carle.org/farmsafety.

Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety
Since 1991, the Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety has provided farm safety and injury prevention education and resources to residents of east central Illinois. The Center has also played an important role in preparing pre-hospital and emergency medicine providers to respond quickly and effectively to farming accidents and illnesses. It’s Carle’s way of helping promote a healthier outlook for the Illinois countryside.

The Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety is funded in part by charitable giving. Donations are used to support farm safety education and projects like the Emergency Action Tubes. To support this program, please visit carle.org/give or call (217) 383-3021.
The Emergency Action Tube

The Emergency Action Tube is a waterproof ABS pipe mounted on the main meter pole of a rural property. The tube contains information for emergency response services to help protect life and property in case of emergency. In partnership with community organizations, The Center for Rural Health and Farm Safety provides these tubes at no cost to rural residents of east central Illinois.

The Goal of the Emergency Action Tube

1. Protect your family
2. Ensure safety of emergency response services
3. Protect your property
4. Minimize environmental damage

These goals are met by collecting critical contact information and sketching maps of a property to quickly and accurately locate:

- Fuel tanks
- Chemical storage
- Electrical breakers
- Available sources of water
- Location of livestock and machinery
- Other emergency information

Components of the Program

Community organizations such as the local fire department will travel to your property. With your help, they will map out potential hazards, collect vital information and later return to mount a tube with a digitized copy of your map on the main meter pole.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the program, the client must:
1. Live in east central Illinois
2. Own or rent a rural property
3. Complete all vital information on the Property Detail List and map
4. Permit the Emergency Action Tube to be located on the main meter pole of the property