

# Effectively protected in an emergency

To all residents

Between mid-October and mid-November 2023, at the request of the federal authorities, you will be sent a pack of iodine tablets (potassium iodide 65 SERB tablets) by post – as a precautionary measure and free of charge. In the event of a serious incident at a nuclear power plant, these tablets will prevent radioactive iodine from being absorbed by the thyroid gland. Everyone in your household should receive an individually addressed white box containing a pack of tablets. It may be that not everyone will receive their box on the same day.

Individuals who have not received any iodine tablets by the end of November 2023 are requested to collect a voucher from the communal authorities. With this voucher, iodine tablets can be obtained free of charge from a pharmacy or drugstore in the distribution area.

**Please note** that the distribution of iodine tablets is a precautionary measure. They are intended for use in an emergency and must only be taken if you are so instructed by the authorities. If an incident occurs, the population will be alerted and informed accordingly.

Further information will be enclosed with the tablets and is also available online at: [www.iodinetablets.ch](http://www.iodinetablets.ch)



*N.B.: In addition to this announcement, people responsible for tablet distribution in businesses and public institutions will be informed via a separate letter.*



### Who will receive iodine tablets?

Iodine tablets are distributed directly every 10 years to people living within 50 km of a Swiss nuclear power plant. The number of tablets distributed is intended to be more than are needed for one person so that, in an emergency, there will also be enough for relatives or visitors who have not received iodine tablets or do not have any with them. In regions outside of the 50 km radius, the cantons store sufficient iodine tablets to be able to supply the population promptly should the need arise.

- Distribution area
- Nuclear power plants in operation
- Mühleberg nuclear power plant (currently being decommissioned)



### What should be done with old iodine tablets?

Iodine tablets have been distributed in a purple pack for about 10 years; they were previously distributed in a red pack. Small quantities of these old iodine tablets (up to 10 packs) can simply be returned to a pharmacy or drugstore. Businesses and public institutions with more than 10 packs of old iodine tablets will be informed separately about the options for returning them.