

POTASSIUM IODIDE TABLETS:

For precautionary care in the event of severe reactor accidents.

-> for all children and young people under 18 years of age

Severe accidents in nuclear power stations close to the border cannot be completely precluded despite comprehensive safety precautions. There is a new contingency plan to protect the health of our children. One of the most important emergency measures is the administration of potassium iodide tablets to protect the thyroid gland from radiation. The stable iodine of these tablets saturates the thyroid gland temporarily and thus prevents absorption of radioactive iodine. Thyroid cancer caused by radiation can be almost completely prevented as a result.

What you should know:

- Children and young people are at particular risk of contracting thyroid cancer caused by radiation.
- The Federal Ministry for Health therefore provides potassium iodide tablets to these groups of the population free of charge.
- Potassium iodide tablets are available in all schools and childcare settings and are handed out where necessary.
- **CAUTION:** You must have a stock of tablets at home in case a reactor accident occurs outside of school hours.

Potassium iodide tablets can be collected from a pharmacy of your choice and are **FREE OF CHARGE*** for all children and young people up to 18 years of age.

* Potassium iodide tablets are also free of charge for pregnant women and nursing mothers. 10 pcs can be purchased for 2.75 EUR for people of between 18 and 40 years of age. People over the age of 40 do not need to take potassium iodide tablets as their risk of radiation-induced cancer is very low.

IMPORTANT: To ensure that potassium iodide has its full protective effect, the exact time of administration is important. This can differ within Austria itself, dependent on the location of the radioactive cloud. **Therefore NEVER take the tablets unless explicitly requested to do so in advance by the health authorities.**