

## **IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL HAZARDS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY CHECKLIST**

Being aware of the potential hazards in the community can affect your school planning process. For example, knowing that a facility uses toxic chemicals in processing helps you plan for a hazardous materials emergency. Locate the potential hazards shown below on a street map of your community. Then, contact your local emergency manager to verify that you have identified all potential major hazards.

- Facilities containing toxic, chemically reactive, and/or radioactive materials.

Note: Be sure to include both manufacturers and users (e.g., gas stations).

- High-voltage power lines.
- Transportation routes of vehicles carrying hazardous materials (e.g., truck routes and railroad rights of way).
- Underground gas and oil pipelines.
- Underground utility vaults and above-ground transformers.
- Multistory buildings vulnerable to damage or collapse (e.g., unreinforced masonry construction).
- Water towers and tanks.