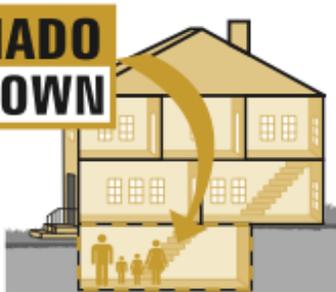


**TORNADO
GET DOWN**



**FIRE
GET OUT**



**CHEMICAL
SEAL UP**



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**LEARN HOW TO
SHELTER IN PLACE**



S-I-P
Shelter - in - Place

How will I know when I need to "shelter-in-place"?

Fire or Law Enforcement warning procedures could include:

- "All-Call" telephoning - an automated system for sending recorded messages, sometimes called "reverse 9-1-1".
- Emergency Alert System (EAS) broadcasts on the radio or television.
- Outdoor warning sirens or horns.
- NOAA Weather Radio alerts.
- Residential route alerting - messages announced to neighborhoods from vehicles equipped with public address systems.

"Shelter-in-place" means to take immediate shelter where you are—at home, work, or school. It may also mean "seal the room;" in other words, take steps to prevent outside air from coming in. This is because local authorities may instruct you to "shelter-in-place" if chemical or radiological contaminants are released into the environment.

Shelter-in-Place

The following Shelter-in-Place procedures are recommended as the best first response after the Outdoor Sirens are sounded:

Shelter

- **Go inside** your home or the nearest building
- **Bring in pets**, if possible
- Officials at the Fire Department, the Health Department and the Office of Emergency Services agree that in the case of chemical accident, those people who shelter **indoors are much safer than those people who remain outside** and are possibly exposed to chemicals

Shut

- **Close** doors and windows
- **Use window and door locks** to create a better seal
- Make sure your **vents and fireplace flue are closed**
- **Turn off** Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning

Listen

- **Turn on** your radio and television for information and further instructions
- The **County Warning System** is designed to provide County-specific information directly to the media.
- **Avoid using the telephone** unless you have a life-threatening emergency

How Do I Prepare?

At home

- **Choose a room in advance** for your shelter. The best room is one with as few windows and doors as possible. A large room, preferably with a water supply, is desirable—something like a master bedroom that is connected to a bathroom.
- **Contact** your workplaces, your children's schools, nursing homes where you may have family and your local town or city officials to find out what their plans are for "shelter-in-place."
- Find out when **warning systems** will be tested. When tested in your area, determine whether you can hear or see sirens, and receive notifications.
- Develop your own **family emergency plan** so that every family member knows what to do. Practice it regularly.
- Assemble a **disaster supplies kit** that includes emergency water and food supplies.

At work

- Help **ensure that the emergency plan and checklist involves all employees**. Volunteers or recruits should be assigned specific duties during an emergency. Alternates should be assigned to each duty.
- The **shelter kit should be checked on a regular basis**. Duct tape and first aid supplies can sometimes disappear when all employees know where the shelter kit is stored. Batteries for the radio and flashlight should be replaced regularly.

Shelter in Place Kit

- 2-4 mil. thick plastic sheeting. Cut the plastic sheeting several inches wider than the openings and label each sheet. Consider measuring and cutting the sheeting in advance to save time.
- Duct tape
- Scissors

Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to seal gaps so that you create a barrier between yourself and any contamination.

