

## What is Shelter-in-Place?

Shelter-in-Place is a safety procedure designed to protect you during certain emergency circumstances. It allows for an immediate response to an emergency situation where your best reaction is to stay where you are.

## Why Shelter-in-Place?

We cannot always run or flee from all emergencies or hazards. Some incidents such as motor vehicle accidents, train derailments or pipeline ruptures may involve the release of some form of harmful substances (ie toxic airborne materials). In this type of situation, it may be what you cannot see that may cause you serious harm.

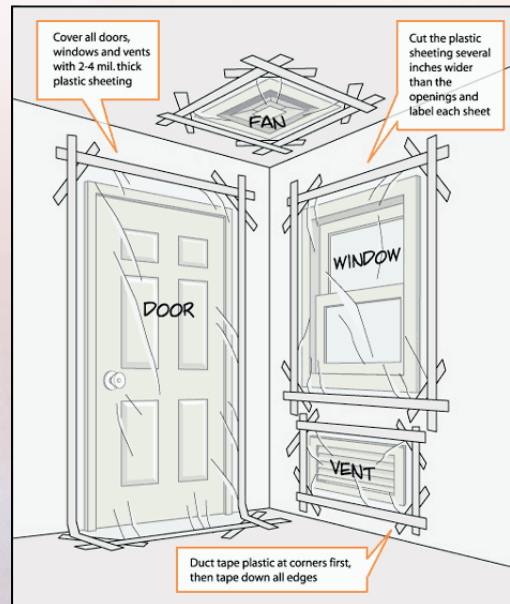
Although Shelter-in-Place situations usually only last for a few hours, you should always have enough emergency supplies on hand to last you, your family and pets for a 72 hour period.

You may receive Shelter-in-Place notification:

- Electronically (CRD Website, Facebook, Twitter, or email)
- Television or Radio emergency broadcasts
- Telephone call
- Door to door notification or drive-by broadcast

However; understanding what Shelter-in-Place is and when, why and how it is done, may save the lives of you and your family when it is impossible to provide notifications in a timely manner for incidents that can happen without warning and have consequences in just minutes.

## Shelter Safety for Sealed Rooms



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**BE INFORMED**  
**SHELTER IN PLACE**  
DURING A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY



**IN YOUR HOME**  
DURING A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY



## How to Shelter-in-Place

If you need to Shelter-in-Place, you must immediately:

- Go inside your home or closest building
- Close all doors, windows, fireplaces, vents or other openings
- Turn off all heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems including vents
- Close drapes, curtains and shades
- Stay away from windows
- Be sure to take your emergency kit and drinking water to wherever you are sheltering in place
- Go to an interior room on the upper level if possible, and large enough to accommodate everyone including pets (avoid basements)
- Use duct tape and plastic sheeting to seal off the room that you are in
- Use damp towels to seal off doorways
- Use telephones only if you require immediate emergency service
- Turn on your radio, television or computer for updates (CRD website or Facebook)
- You will be advised of the nature of the emergency, what may have occurred and if relevant, the accompanying symptoms.
- You will be advised if it is necessary to seek medical attention at an identified location (once it is safe to leave your sealed Shelter-in-Place)



## If you need to Shelter-in-Place:

- Do not call your children's school or try to pick up your children - they will be safer sheltering in place at school than riding in your vehicle through a potentially hazardous area
- Do not risk your personal safety for your pets. If they cannot be found immediately, Shelter-in-Place without them.
- Do not leave your Shelter-in-Place structure until you receive notification that danger has passed.

When Shelter-in-Place incidents happen, you need to know what to do before anyone can even tell you.

**Are you Prepared? Do you have a Plan?**

**Do your children know what to do?**

**Does your workplace have a plan?**

**Does your school have a plan?**

## Preparation and Planning to Shelter-in-Place



- An essential aspect to effectively Shelter-in-Place is to develop a personal plan and have a Disaster Supply Kit prepared in advance. Essential items that you need to include in your Disaster Supply Kit are:
  - Battery operated am/fm radio and extra batteries
  - First Aid kit
  - Blankets and pillows
  - Flashlight(s) and extra batteries
  - Plastic sheeting and duct tape to seal off windows, doors and venting
  - Bottled water
  - Canned foods and sealed foods (ie granola/nutritional bars)
  - Kitchen utensils (knife, scissors, can opener etc.)
  - Heavy duty garbage bags
  - A 5 gallon bucket with a re-sealable lid
  - Towels
  - Personal needs (prescriptions, glasses, toilet paper, paper towel, diapers etc.)
  - Specialty Items for passing the time (books, games, puzzles etc.)

