

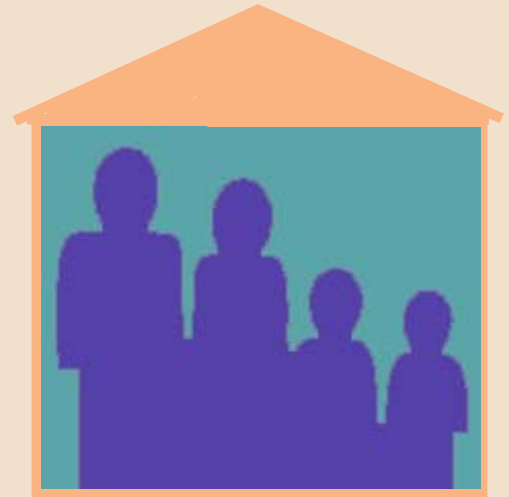
# Shelter in Place

Devastating events such as chemical plant accidents or railroad car derailments can release dangerous chemicals into the air so quickly that there is insufficient time for evacuation. In some cases an evacuation would actually place more people in danger. During such events it is necessary to understand how to “Shelter in Place”.

## What to do if told to “Shelter in Place”

If you are told to “Shelter in Place,” immediately go inside your home or the nearest structure (if you are at work or away from your home) and do the following:

- Do not attempt to get your children from their school or day care center. Teachers are trained to protect your children and will institute shelter in place procedures where they are located.
- Secure all doors and windows with plastic sheeting (if tape is available, tape cracks for extra protection). Cover cracks under doors with damp towels. If you have a fireplace, put out the fire and close the damper.
- Shut off all air conditioners, window fans or other equipment with air intakes.
- Cover food and put uncovered food in the refrigerator.
- Move to a center room or central area of the structure (keep water and emergency supplies with you).
- Keep your TV or radio on and turned onto the Emergency Broadcasting Station (or local stations).
- Do not use the telephone except for an extreme emergency.
- Do not leave your home (or the structure) until you are told it is safe to do so.
- If you’re in an automobile, roll the windows up, close all vents, turn off the fan and drive away from the area immediately.
- Keep all pets indoors.



## Shelter in Place Check List

Assemble your own Shelter In Place kit. A simple kit can be assembled relatively inexpensively with the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A roll of plastic sheeting   | <input type="checkbox"/> Duct tape                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blankets   | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlights                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-aid supplies   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sanitary hand wipes                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bottled water  | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack food.                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hand-operated can opener   | <input type="checkbox"/> Windup or battery powered clock          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A battery-operated radio, with extra batteries                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles, oil lamps, matches or a lighter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bath towels to place under any openings in doorways (dampen towels first). |   |



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