



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Shelter in Place vs. Evacuation

Shelter in Place

Chemical releases and accidents involving gasoline, oil, paints, and other hazardous materials could cause a wide range of injuries and possibly death from exposure to vapors, fumes and smoke.

Sometimes, local officials may ask the public to protect themselves by staying inside their homes, cars or offices. At other times, local officials may order an evacuation. This guidance will provide some basic preparedness tips and explain the difference between sheltering in place and evacuation.

Before

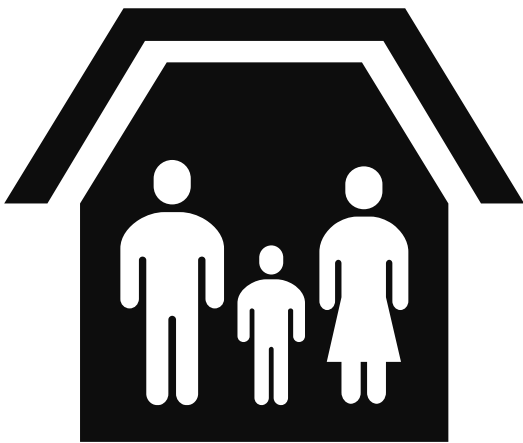
- Conduct a hazard hunt of your home, business, school, and community.
- Develop a plan for your family, business, school and community that addresses communication needs if separated.
- 72-hour supply of food, drinking water, a battery- operated radio, and other supplies.

During

- Go indoors immediately. If indoors, stay indoors. Close doors, windows, vents, and openings. Shut off heating and air conditioning systems, and close ventilation systems.
- Go to the room with the least number of windows, doors, and other openings. Seal openings or cracks with duct tape, plastic sheeting, or wet towel. Cover your face and mouth with a wet cloth.
- Listen and watch for instructions from local officials.
- Stay inside or in your vehicle until advised to go outside

After

- Ventilate your home, business, school or vehicle.



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