



## What to do if I'm told to \_\_\_\_\_ **Shelter in Place?**

In the unlikely event of a chemical accident, your local EMA may instruct you to shelter in place. Here's what you do.

- Stay calm,
- Stay inside, or go inside if you are outside.
- Close all doors to the outside, and close and lock all windows.
- Turn off all heating, and ventilation systems.
- Close as many internal doors as possible in homes or other buildings.
- Close all garage doors in attached garages, as well as doors normally left open for ventilation
- If possible, stay in an interior room, or a room with no windows. Keep your radio on and tuned to a local station for emergency updates.
- Stay calm and move as little as possible. Activity increases the speed of breathing, which will lead to a greater exposure to any vapors, which might seep into the room.
- Once the danger has passed, you will be instructed to open your doors and window to let your house air out.
- You will be given updated information through your local television or radio stations, tone alert radios, sirens, and/or public officials.
- Depending on the zone you are in, you may not be affected at all.

Visit [www.areyoureadygoEMA.com](http://www.areyoureadygoEMA.com) or call your local EMA office for complete details on Sheltering in Place.