



SHELTER IN PLACE IN YOUR HOME

Shelter In Place is a safety procedure designed to help protect you and your family during a serious airborne hazardous material emergency. It means taking shelter inside your home, work place, school or other shelter until the danger has passed. The goal of Shelter In Place is to prevent contaminated outside air from entering your home or other shelter for the duration of the incident. You will be instructed to Shelter In Place by local authorities.

What do I do?

- Close and lock all windows and exterior doors.
- Turn off all air conditioners, fans and heating systems, etc. that draw in outside air.
- Close your fireplace damper.
- Get your *Disaster Supply Kit* and make sure your radio is working.
- Go to a room with the fewest windows and doors on the highest story of your home or other shelter. Do NOT go to the basement. Many chemicals are heavier than air and can seep into a basement.
- Bring your pet(s) with you, along with food and water for them.
- Use your phone for emergency purposes only.
- Use duct tape and plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors, vents, outlets, etc.
- Stay inside this room and listen to your radio or television until local authorities tell you the emergency is over OR you are told to evacuate.
- When local authorities announce the end of the emergency, ventilate your home by opening doors and windows. Go outside until your home is aired out.

What do I need?

You are encouraged to prepare a *Disaster Supply Kit* with emergency supplies that will last at least three days. At a minimum, the kit should include the following items:

- Battery-operated radio and extra batteries
- NOAA weather radio (Note: In Hamilton County, you can be notified of serious hazardous material emergencies by radio, tv, weather radio, door-to-door alerts or public address systems.)
- Water and ready-to-eat food
- First aid kit
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Thick plastic sheeting (i.e., plastic drop cloths, window sealing plastic)
- Duct tape (i.e., high-quality duct tape or polypropylene tape)
- Scissors
- Towels
- Kitchen items (i.e., non-electric can opener, eating utensils)
- Hygiene items (i.e., plastic bucket with a tight lid, garbage bags)
- Specialty items (i.e., medications, diapers, books, games).