

SHELTER IN PLACE

There may be a time when an emergency takes place in your community due to an airborne chemical release. The outside air quality may be affected to the point that it isn't safe to be outside. In a case like this it is usually safer to shelter in place until wind disperses and moves the chemical away.

NOTIFICATION

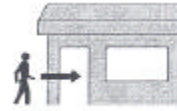
If there is an emergency that may be a risk to the public, your emergency Management Official will notify you by radio.

"There has been a release of chlorine in your area. Please shelter in place and turn on you TV or radio and listen for essential emergency information."

For airborne chemical releases the safest immediate action is to shelter in place while listening for further instructions.

For most releases, there is NOT enough time for evacuation.

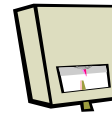
1. Go inside immediately and turn on a radio or TV for emergency and listen broadcasts.



2. Close all windows and doors.



3. Turn off all ventilation systems.



4. Once inside, go into and seal a room, if at all possible.



5. Continue listening to the radio or TV for further instructions.

INSTRUCTIONS

Go inside the nearest structure such as a home, school, store, or public building. Bring pets inside if practical. If you are indoors already, Stay there! Turn on a radio or TV for emergency information. If you are in a vehicle, close all windows, manual vents and ventilation systems, and turn the radio on to hear emergency broadcasts.

Once you're inside a structure:

Shut all the windows, doors, chimneys and fireplace vents—everything that can be closed quickly and easily to prevent the chemical from entering.

Turn off all forced air heating/cooling systems, and close or turn off stove and bathroom exhaust fans.

Go into an inside room, preferably with no windows or outside air vents. If possible seal the door, windows, vents, etc., with plastic sheeting and tape, or with wet rags.



Continue listening to a local emergency alert station on the radio or TV. (Use a battery-powered radio if the power is off.) You will be notified when the emergency is over, OR you may be given instructions to evacuate.

PRE-PLANNING SHELTER IN PLACE

It's important that you have a plan for your home or business for sheltering in place. Some key steps in this plan are:

- Know what doors and windows are likely to be open and assign someone to check and close them.
- Know where the manual vents are and how to close them.
- Know where the forced air heating/cooling controls and power exhaust vents are, and how to turn them off.
- Know what room you will go into and how to seal it Have a KIT prepared that includes things like plastic sheeting, duct tape, scissors, towels, water, rags, etc...
- Have a radio (preferably two: one electric and one battery-powered) in the room you've selected. Know the emergency alert system station for your area and tape the station numbers onto the side of each radio.

Montgomery County the Emergency
Alert Station

KYW 1060 AM

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- Go indoors Immediately!
- Close all windows and doors.
- Turn off all ventilation systems.
- Go to an inside room & seal it.

Shelter In Place Kit

You should gather the following items together in a box to have ready for any emergency:

- Plastic sheeting for windows
- Duct tape & scissors
- Towels and rags for vents and under doors
- Drinking water in jugs
- A battery-powered radio (with emergency station numbers taped on the side) AND extra batteries
- A working flashlight AND extra batteries
- Snacks

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