

# Harrisonburg/Rockingham

*Local Emergency Planning Committee*

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Shelter-In-Place Program

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## *What Could Happen?*

- Manufacturing Accident
- Train Derailment
- Interstate/Highway Accident
- Chemical leak from pool or wastewater treatment plant
- Terrorist attack



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*Everyone Needs To Know...*

- We live in an industrialized world.
- We manufacture, transport and use products made from chemicals.
- Accidental or intentional spills or releases of hazardous chemicals can occur.
- During a release of hazardous materials, air quality may be threatened.
- Sheltering in place is most often your safest option.



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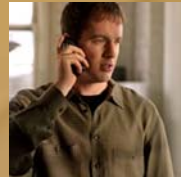
## *How Will I Know?*



In some areas, a safety siren will sound.



Authorities will notify residents by radio or TV through the Public Emergency Notification System.



Harrisonburg and Rockingham County residents can be notified by telephone through the Emergency Notification System.



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## ***Five Steps To Remember***

- 1. Move people and pets inside**
- 2. Close and lock all doors & windows**
- 3. Turn off ventilation systems**
- 4. Everyone should go into one room & seal it up**
- 5. Turn on a radio or TV for information & instructions**

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## *Step 1 - Move Inside*



All people and pets should move inside.

Pre-select a room with few windows. The room should be large enough for your whole family. If possible, select a room that has access to water and restroom facilities.

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*Step 2 - Close and Lock all Doors & Windows*



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## *Step 3 - Turn Off Ventilation Systems*



Turn off heating & air conditioning



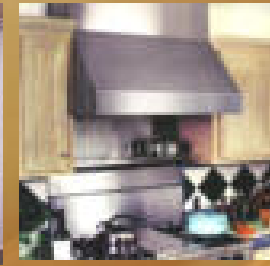
Seal Register Vents



Close Fireplace Dampers



Turn off Window Fans



Turn off Exhaust Fans

Close up and seal all openings to the outside. Turn off anything that moves air.



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## *Step 4 - Everyone Should Go Into One Room*



Pre-select the room you will use for Shelter-In-Place.

It is recommended that you prepare a SIP kit and keep it stored in this room. Items should include:

- Battery-operated radio w/fresh batteries
- Bottled water
- Masking tape & plastic
- Towels

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## *Step 5 - Turn On Radio or Television*



Turn on your radio or television for information & instructions

Local authorities will determine when the event is "all clear."

**DO NOT** call the 911 Dispatch Center. This will tie up needed telephone lines.  
Call 911 ONLY if you have a true emergency situation.

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