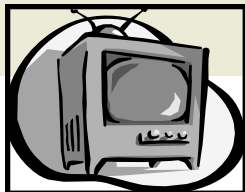


Shelter In Place

When you are notified of a chemical release and you are in the projected path of the vapor cloud, you should follow *Shelter In Place* procedures, unless emergency response personnel give you different instructions. Procedures include:

1. Go inside to the Shelter Room.
2. Close, lock and seal all openings, doors, and windows.
3. Turn off air-conditioning and heating systems.
4. Tune to local radio and TV for more information.



Please clip from brochure and keep in your wallet, car and the Shelter In Place KIT for quick access while traveling, and at work and home.

Check the Local Emergency Alert Messages



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SHELTER IN PLACE

Some chemical accidents or attacks may make being outdoors more dangerous than being inside a building or your home. In a chemical emergency, officials may ask you to “SHELTER IN PLACE”. Meaning, to be safe, you must find “shelter” in your home, workplace or school, and stay there until an “ALL CLEAR” is given. Your vehicle is a “last choice” shelter as it is not airtight. Sheltering In Place requires pre-planning, training and active participation for the greatest protection.



Steps to Shelter In Place

Chemicals are a part of our everyday lives. Releases and emergencies can occur anywhere chemicals are used, stored or transported from one place to another, and can be intentional or accidental. Follow these steps when instructed to Shelter In Place, or you see a chemical cloud coming toward you, and you cannot outrun it:

► Move people and pets indoors.



► If you have children in school or other loved ones nearby, do not try to get to them, but assume they will *Shelter In Place* at the school, a nearby home, or at work.

► Turn off all air-conditioning and heating systems.

► Move everyone into a pre-selected *Shelter Room* that has only a few doors and windows. Your *Shelter In Place KIT* will be kept here.

► Close and lock all doors, windows and openings.

► Use tape and heavy plastic, cut to fit, to seal off all openings into the room. Place a wet towel at the bottom of doors to absorb any gases.

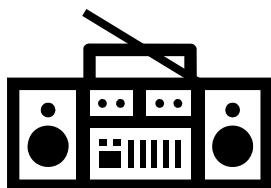
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► Listen to the radio or television, and rely on instructions from the local Police, Fire and Emergency Management Officials. Your area may receive instructions through a Local Emergency Alert System.

► Stay off the telephone. Emergency Responders need the phone lines to be clear.

► Do not leave your *Shelter In Place Room* until officials tell you that it is safe outside.

► When given the “All Clear”, open all doors and windows, and go outside until your home or shelter is well ventilated.



For more information, you may contact your LEPC, the State Emergency Management Agency (405-521-2481) and your local Health Department. Federal and state internet sites include:

EPA: www.epa.gov/ceppo

CDC: www.bt.cdc.gov/planning/shelteringfacts.asp

NSC: www.nsc.org/issues/emerg/takehome.htm

ODEM: www.dem.state.ok.us

ODEQ: www.deq.state.ok.us

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

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Shelter In Place KIT

It is very important to prepare your “KIT” in advance, and store it in the Shelter Room, where everyone has access. The KIT should contain, at a minimum:

► Pre-cut for size and labeled, plastic sheeting or plastic trash bags, to seal all openings

► Duct or masking tape, and scissors

► Flashlight with extra batteries

► Towels or rags to seal the bottom of doors

► Reading material and games

► Battery-powered radio with extra batteries

► Several gallons of sealed, bottled water

► Non-perishable foods

► First-Aid Kit (any immediate medicines required)

► Cellular phone (optional)