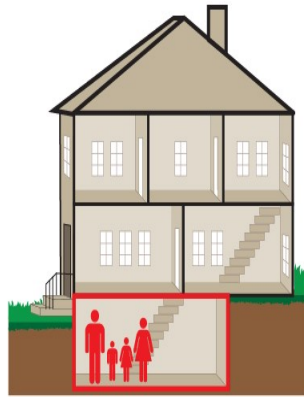


**TORNADO  
GET DOWN**



**FIRE  
GET OUT**



**CHEMICAL  
SEAL UP**



Most of us know to go to the basement when there's a tornado, and to get out quickly in case of fire. But would you know what to do if a dangerous chemical is released or spilled in your neighbourhood?

Hazardous chemicals are all around us. They are used in factories and on farms, and are transported on our highways and rail lines. They can be solids, liquids or gases. While some can be seen and smelled, others may be invisible or odour free.

**Be prepared to protect yourself and your family.**

Learn how to *Shelter-in-Place*

To view a video on Sheltering in Place go to: [rdcounty.ca/179/Emergency-Preparedness](http://rdcounty.ca/179/Emergency-Preparedness)



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**HOW TO PLAN  
SHOULD A DISASTER  
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**SHELTER-IN-PLACE & EVACUATION  
PLANS**

## WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Deciding whether to **stay** or **leave** home during a disaster may be a hard decision. Trust your local Emergency Management officials to make the right decision. Listen to your local TV and/or radio.

Whether you are directed to stay (**Shelter-in-Place**) or go (**Evacuation**), it is important to be prepared so that you can make the best decision.



### IF DISASTER STRIKES:

- Remain calm
- Don't decide to leave your home if you are not told to do so
- Listen to radio, TV for information and instructions
- If told to leave, do so right away
- Follow designated routes because short cuts may not be available
- When you get to a safe area, such as a Reception Centre, listen to Reception Centre staff, radio or TV for updated emergency Information.



## SHELTER-IN-PLACE

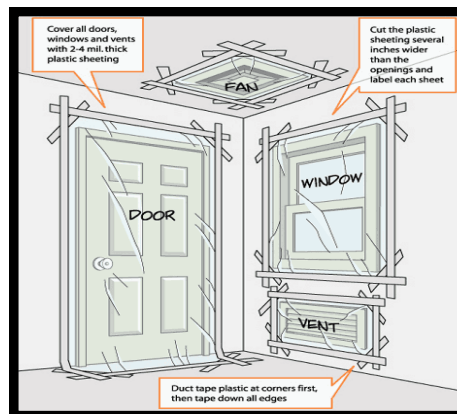
**Shelter-in-Place** means to stay indoors because it is safer than leaving your current location.

### WHEN SHOULD I USE SHELTER-IN-PLACE?

- When there is little time to react to a situation too dangerous to be outside.
- When life-threatening agents are in the air.

### HOW DO I SHELTER-IN-PLACE?

- Bring all people and pets indoors right away. If exposed, shower and change clothes.
- Close and lock all windows and outside doors.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.
- If you have a fireplace, close it.
- Choose an area that you can seal off easily, preferably one with access to telephone, water and a toilet. An upstairs bedroom with an adjoining bathroom would be ideal. An upper level room is best, because some gases and chemicals are heavier than air, and they sink to lower levels.
- Use plastic sheeting and duct tape to cover and seal windows, cracks, vents and doors.
- Keep listening to your radio until emergency management officials tell you that it is safe to leave or evacuate.



## EVACUATION PLAN

**Don't wait for a disaster—make plans now!**  
**PICK AT LEAST TWO SAFE PLACES FOR YOUR FAMILY TO MEET**

- Keep updated contact information of your safe places in your wallet/purse (e.g. address, phone number, directions).
- If you picked a safe place in your neighbourhood, pick another safe place out of town.
- If one of your safe places is a hotel/motel, call before going to make sure rooms are available.
- Know evacuation plans—for work, school and child care centers—for all members of your household.

### KNOW EVACUATION ROUTES.

- If you have a car, your gas tank should be at least half full at all times because gas may not be available.
- If you do not have a car, make transportation plans to evacuate—ask a neighbour or friend.

### PLAN TO LEAVE A NOTE

Plan to leave a note to tell people when you left and where you are going.

### TURN OFF UTILITIES

Turn off utilities if emergency management officials instruct you to do so, and lock your home.

### EMERGENCY-GO KIT

Plan to bring your Emergency-Go Kit, but if it is contaminated you may have to leave it behind. For more information on Emergency-Go Kits visit [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca)

### IF YOU HAVE PETS, DON'T LEAVE THEM

**BEHIND!** In case of an evacuation, prepare to take your pets with you to the home of a relative or friend, or take steps to identify pet-friendly hotels or pet boarding facilities in your area and further away from home.