



Shelter-In-Place Kit

It is important to take time to prepare your kit in advance. Pre-cut and label plastic sheeting for the windows and vents of your pre-selected room and collect the following items:

- ❖ Duct tape to seal the plastic sheeting



A flashlight with extra batteries

- ❖ A towel for sealing the bottom of the door
- ❖ A battery-powered radio with spare batteries



A few gallons of fresh water in closed containers

- ❖ A few non-perishable food items – snack bars, candy, etc...
- ❖ A first-aid kit

A shelter-in-place emergency will probably last only a few hours at most, so enough food and water for a week is not necessary. Also, be sure to take any medicines with you to your preselected shelter room.

Local police or fire officials may direct you to shelter-in-place when:

- The chemical leak is of short duration.
- The chemical released has a low health hazard and its release isn't serious enough for evacuation.
- The danger could quickly overtake you if you are outside.
- There is not enough time to evacuate.

In a chemical emergency, follow the instructions of our local police or fire officials.

Shelter-In-Place Works!

Sheltering-in-place is easy and quick. In a matter of moments, you can be safe inside your preselected room should a chemical emergency occur in your community. Shelter-in-place limits your chances of being exposed to the airborne chemical hazard.

Sheltering-in-place was used effectively during the Gulf War of 1992. Israeli citizens sheltered-in-place to protect themselves from chemicals carried by Iraqi SCUD missiles.

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Emergency Guidelines for the Sheridan County Area

“Shelter in Place” is one of the basic instructions you may receive from public safety officials during a chemical emergency in your area. A chemical emergency may occur anywhere hazardous materials are manufactured, stored or transported. The best way to protect yourself when an accident happens is to be prepared!

The following general information is a guide on how you should act before, during and after a chemical emergency.

How does one know there is an Emergency?

If there is an emergency that is a risk to the public, you will be notified by radio, TV or telephone.

If you are told there has been a hazardous materials release, the safest immediate action is to shelter-in-place while listening for further instructions.

What to do in a CHEMICAL EMERGENCY

- Go inside the nearest structure such as your home, school, store or public building. If practical, bring your pets inside.
- Turn off **ALL** heating, cooling and ventilation fans that draw in air from the outside. If you have a fireplace, close the damper.
- Shut and lock all doors and windows. Locking makes a better seal. Cover and seal cracks around doors and windows with pre-cut plastic sheets and duct tape. Place a wet towel at the bottom of the door to absorb gases that may leak into the house.
- Go into a room at or above ground level, preferable one with no windows or outside air vents. Basements are not safe because some gases are heavier than air and may collect there.
- Continue to listen to a local station on your radio or TV for further instructions.
- Stay off the phone. It should be used for emergency calls only. **DO NOT call 9-1-1**

for information; use 9-1-1 only if needing emergency assistance.

- Be prepared to evacuate if ordered to do so by public safety officials.

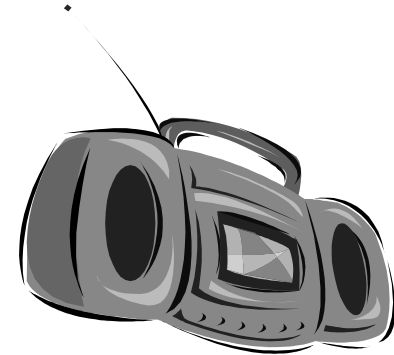
PRE-PLANNING FOR SHELTER-IN-PLACE

It is important for you to have a plan in place for your home or business for sheltering in place.

1. Know what doors and windows are likely to be open and assign someone to check and close them.
2. Know where the manual vents are and how to close them.
3. Know where forced air heating or cooling controls/power exhaust vents are and how to turn them off.
4. 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/rags, etc.
5. Have at least one telephone that is **not** cordless in case power (electricity) is lost.
6. Have a radio (preferably two: one electric and one battery powered) in the room you've identified.

IF IN A VEHICLE:

Close all windows and shut all manual vents. Turn off the ventilation system. Turn on the radio for emergency information.



For Sheridan County the emergency alert radio stations are:

KFYR	550 AM	BISMARCK
KCJB	910 AM	MINOT

Continue to listen to the radio or TV on a local news station. You will be notified when the emergency is over.