

Shelter-In-Place Notices

For some emergencies, it may be safest to stay inside your home or the structure you're in at the time of the threat, so long as it offers a reasonable level of protection.

Actions to take:

1. Go inside, close and lock all windows and exterior doors.
2. Hang the OK/HELP sign in your front window for First Responders to see.
3. Close the window blinds or curtains.
4. Turn off all fans, heating, and air conditioning systems and close fireplace dampers.
5. Grab your home emergency kit and turn on the radio.
6. Connect with your emergency contact.
7. Go to an interior room in your house and stay above-ground level, if you can. Avoid sheltering in basements as some chemicals weigh heavier than air and will linger in lower levels.
8. Bring your pets with you. Be sure to have additional supplies for your pets as well.
9. Use duct tape and plastic sheeting to seal all cracks around the windows, doors, and vents into the room.
10. Monitor your radio, television, or Emergency Info BC until you are told by local officials it is safe or you are told to evacuate.

Shelter-In-Place notices are generally issued in response to:

Hazardous contaminants



Police incidents



Severe weather events

