

**Story County
Local Emergency
Planning Committee**

The Story County Local Emergency Planning Committee is working with the local emergency response agencies, companies, and all transporters of chemicals in the county to mitigate and prevent the threat of chemical releases in our communities.

As part of our work, we are providing this brochure to you, to help inform the public about the Sheltering in Place program.

We will make every effort to ensure the safety of all citizens of Story County.



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**In Case of Emergency
CALL 9-1-1**

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Sheltering In Place



**SHELTER
SHUT
LISTEN**

Shelter In Place

Shelter in place means to make a shelter out of the place you are in. It is a way for you to make the building as safe as possible to protect yourself until help arrives. You should not try to shelter in a vehicle unless you have no other choice. Vehicles are not airtight enough to give you adequate protection from chemicals.

It also may mean to seal the room; in other words take steps to prevent outside air from coming in.

Authorities may instruct you to shelter in place if chemical or radiological contaminants are released into the environment.

How to prepare a shelter

Choose a room with as few windows and doors as possible.

A large room with a water supply is best.

High as possible in the structure to avoid vapors that sink

Prepare an emergency kit.

First Aid Kit

Flashlights & battery powered radio

Extra batteries

One gallon of water per-person in plastic bottles

Working phone

Food and bottled water

Duct tape and scissors

Towels and plastic sheeting

What to do?

Act quickly and follow the instructions of your local emergency coordinators such as law enforcement, fire departments, or local elected leaders.

In general do the following:

Go inside as quickly as possible.

Bring any outdoor pets indoors.

If time, shut and lock all outside doors and windows. Locking them may pull the door or window tighter.

Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.

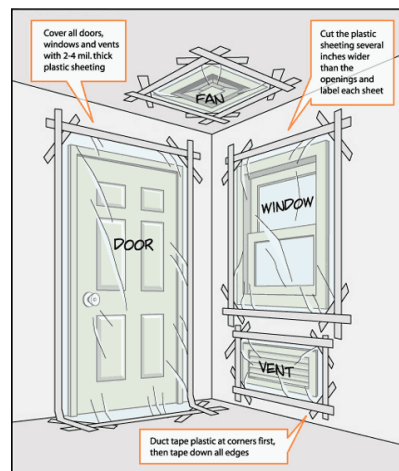
Tape plastic over any windows, doors or vents in the room.

Use duct tape around the plastic to make an unbroken seal.

Seal any electrical outlets with duct tape

Turn on the radio & keep phone close at hand.

Listen and monitor the radio or television for further emergency instructions.



How will I know?

Emergency Alert System (EAS) broadcasts on the radio and television.

Outdoor warning sirens or horns

News media sources such as radio, television and cable

NOAA Weather Radio Alerts

Messages announced to neighborhoods from vehicles equipped with public address systems

Sheltering at Work

Help ensure the emergency plan and checklist involves all employees.

Volunteers or recruits should be assigned specific duties during an emergency.

Check the shelter kit on a regular basis

Supplies can disappear when all employees know where the kit is stored

Batteries for the radio and flashlight should be replaced regularly

Don't forget your pets

Include pet litter and litter box if appropriate, newspapers, paper towels, plastic trash bags and household chlorine bleach to provide for your pet's sanitation needs.

Keep at least three days of food in an airtight, waterproof container.

Store at least three days of water specifically for your pets in addition to water you need for yourself and your family.