

SHELTER IN PLACE

An incident may occur which dictates you remain inside a building during an emergency. A decision to shelter in place may or may not be obvious based on information known to you at the time. Your decision to shelter in place may come from first responders' instructions, or may be made on your own initiative. This decision should be made based on what gives you the best chance of remaining safe and avoiding putting yourself in a more harmful situation.

Factors to consider when deciding whether to evacuate or shelter in place include:

- Where is the threat now and where is it likely going?
- Where will I be safest now, and in the near future?
- Will I be more likely to get help for myself and others by evacuating or staying in place?
- Does this space provide adequate safe shelter for the emergency at hand: i.e. locking door, place to take cover/hide, availability of more than one exit, windows to allow alerting and re

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