

# Shelter-in-Place for 1- or 2-Story Building May have an attic and/or basement

## Active Shooter

**Run. Hide. Fight.**

What to do: **Run** away from shooter. Call 911 if safe to do so. **Hide** if you cannot get away safely. Silence electronic devices. Lock and block doors, close blinds, turn off lights. **Fight** as a last resort.

How long to stay: If you are not able to run to safety, stay in place until law enforcement gives you notice that the danger is over.

## Hurricane (High Wind, Flooding, Storm Surge)

Shelter-in-Place: Go to a sturdy building. For **high wind** go to a windowless room on the lowest level. For **flooding** go as high as possible but not into the attic.

What to do: For high wind, go to a small, interior, windowless room in the lowest level.

How long to stay: Stay inside until local authorities provide other instructions.

## Thunderstorm

Shelter-in-Place: Stay inside.

What to do: Pay attention to weather reports. Be ready to change plans if necessary. Unplug appliances, avoid using running water or landline phones.

How long to stay: For the length of the storm.

## Winter Storm

Shelter-in-Place: Stay inside. Limit time outside.

What to do: Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by using generators and grills **ONLY** outdoors, 20 feet from the house and away from windows. Never heat a building with a gas stove top or oven.

How long to stay: For the length of the storm.

## Pandemic

Shelter-in-Place: Stay Home. Minimize access to your home from anyone not isolating with you.

What to do: **Reduce trips** outside to only essential requirements. Clean surfaces often with disinfectant. Wash hands for 20 seconds frequently with soap. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. **Gather supplies** in case you need to stay home for several days or weeks.

How long to stay: As advised by local public health officials.

## Chemical Hazard

Shelter-in-Place: Stay inside your home and seal the room. Use duct tape around the windows and doors to make an unbroken seal. Tape over vents and electrical outlets.

What to do: **Lock** all doors and windows. **Drink stored water**, not water from the tap. **Turn off** the air conditioner, heater, and fans. **Close** the fireplace damper and seal off any other place where air may come in from outside.

How long to stay: A shelter in place will last approximately 12 hours or less, rarely will it go longer.

## Earthquake

Shelter-in-Place: Stay where you are and take cover. Get under and old on to sturdy furniture until the shaking stops. Protect the head and neck with arms.

What to do: **Drop, Cover and Hold On**. If in a bed, turn onto stomach and cover your head and neck with a pillow.

How long to stay: For the length of the earthquake.

## Nuclear/Radiological

Shelter-in-Place: Go to the basement or middle of the building. Stay away from the outer walls and roof.

What to do: Remove contaminated clothing and wipe off or wash unprotected skin if you were outside after the fallout arrived.

How long to stay: Stay inside for 24 hours unless local authorities provide other instructions.

## Flooding

Shelter-in-Place: Go to the highest level in the home but not in the attic. If the floodwaters rise to a dangerous level, get on the roof and call 911.

What to do: Listen for current emergency information and instructions. Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery **ONLY** outdoors and away from windows.

How long to stay: Stay inside until authorities indicate it is safe to leave.

## Flash Flooding

## Tornado

Shelter-in-Place: Go to basement or lowest level in the structure. Go to a small, interior, **windowless** room in a sturdy building on the **lowest** level.

What to do: **Protect** your head and neck. **Take additional cover** by putting blankets around you.

How long to stay: Stay inside until weather forecasts and local authorities say it is safe to do so. Use extreme care when leaving a building as there may be dangerous debris.



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