

During a Release of Toxic Chemicals:

DO:

Stay inside your home, place of business, or other enclosed building.

Tune to the Grundy County Emergency Alert System (EAS) stations on your radio or television.

WCSJ (103.1 FM)
WJDK (95.7 FM)
WBEQ (90.7 FM)

DON'T:

Don't go outside or attempt to drive unless you are specifically instructed to evacuate. Evacuation procedures may vary by community.

Contact your Local Emergency Management Office for specific information on evacuation.

For more information contact:

Grundy County
Emergency
Management Agency
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Grundy County Local
Emergency Planning
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Management Agency



Shelter in Place

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Information for
You and Your Family
at Home or at Work

What is Shelter in Place?

During a release of toxic chemicals, or emergencies involving hazardous materials where air quality may be threatened, Shelter in Place keeps you inside a protected area and out of danger.

Shelter in Place simply means staying inside your home, business, or other facility, or seeking shelter in the nearest available building.

When Should I Use Shelter in Place?

Grundy County authorities are responsible for issuing orders for Shelter in Place during chemical or hazardous materials emergencies. Normally Shelter in Place is used for an expected short duration release or vapor cloud. You may receive notice directly from police or fire officials, outdoor warning siren or through emergency broadcasts over radio or television.

As soon as you are notified that an emergency situation exists in your area, tune to a Grundy County Emergency Alert System (EAS) station for further information.

Emergency information and steps to be taken will be broadcast continuously until the emergency is over.

Shelter in Place in Your Home:

If you are asked to Shelter in Place, take the following actions:

- If possible, bring outdoor pets inside. Do not unnecessarily risk your safety for your pet.
- Close and lock all doors and windows to the outside.
- Turn off all heating/air-conditioning systems, and switch inlets or vents to the "closed" position.
- Seal gaps around window-type air conditioners, fireplace dampers, doors and windows with plastic sheeting, wax paper, aluminum wrap, or any other suitable material and tape.
- Seal bathroom exhaust fans or grills, range vents, dryer vents and any other openings to the best extent possible.
- Close drapes or shades over the windows. Stay away from windows.
- Remain in place until you are told by police or fire officials, or through radio or television broadcasts, that it is safe to leave.

If time does not permit you to seal the entire home, close as many internal doors as possible, move to the most central room in the home and seal that room as above.

Use the telephone only in emergencies.

Shelter in Place at Your Workplace:

In addition to the directions listed for your home, you should take the following steps:

- Ensure that all ventilation systems are set to 100% recirculation so that no outside air is drawn into the building.
- If 100% recirculation is not possible, ventilation systems should be turned off.
- Minimize use of elevators as they tend to "pump" air in and out of a building while moving up and down.
- Again, remain in place until you receive notice from police or fire officials, or radio or television broadcasts, that it is safe to leave.

72-Hour Kits:

A 72-hour Emergency Preparedness Kit can be valuable for your home as well as your place of work. The following items are recommended:

Flashlight, battery-powered radio, drinking water, non-perishable, ready-to-eat foods, can opener, hygiene products, food for pets, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, cyalume sticks, adjustable wrench, change of clothing, sleeping bags, and money.