

There may be a time when an emergency takes place in your community due to an airborne chemical release. The outside air quality may be affected to the point that it isn't safe to be outside. In a case like this it is usually safer to **shelter-in-place** until wind disperses and moves the chemical(s) away.

NOTIFICATION

If there is an emergency that may be a risk to the public, your local Emergency Manager will notify you by radio or by someone coming to your residence. In Chelan County, the primary source of an emergency alert is by the activation of the Emergency Alert System — this message will be transmitted over local radio stations.

For airborne chemical releases the safest immediate action is to shelter-in-place while listening for further instructions.

For most releases, there is not enough time for evacuation.

Shelter-In-Place

- Go indoors immediately!
- Close all windows and doors.
- Turn off all ventilation systems.
- Go to an inside room and seal it.
- Turn on radio for further instructions.



Shelter-In-Place Kit

You should gather the following items together in a box to have ready for any emergency:

- Plastic sheeting for windows
- Duct tape and scissors
- Towels/rags for vents and under doors
- Drinking water in jugs
- Battery-operated radio (with emergency station numbers taped on the side and extra batteries)
- Working flashlight with extra batteries
- Snacks

Shelter In Place



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Pre-Planning Shelter-In-Place

It's important that you have a plan for your home or business for sheltering in place. Some key steps in this plan are:

1. Know what doors and windows are likely to be open and assign someone to check and close them.
2. Know where the manual vents are and how to close them.
3. Know where forced air heating and cooling controls and power exhaust vents are, and how to turn them off.
4. Know what room you will go into and how to seal it. Have a **KIT** prepared that includes things like plastic sheeting, duct tape, scissors, towels/rags, etc. ...
5. Have a radio (preferably two: one electric and one battery-operated) in the room you've identified. Know the emergency alert system stations for your area and tape the station numbers onto the side of the radio.
6. For Chelan County the emergency broadcast station is KPQ.

KPQ 560 AM

SHELTER-IN-PLACE

1. Go inside immediately and turn on the radio or TV for emergency information.



2. Close all windows and doors.



3. Turn off all ventilation systems.



4. Once inside, go into and seal a room, if at all possible.
5. Continue listening to radio or TV for further instructions.



INSTRUCTIONS

Go inside the nearest structure such as a home, school, store or public building. Bring pets inside if practical. If indoors already, **stay there!** Turn a radio or TV on for emergency information. If you are in a vehicle, close all windows, manual vents and ventilation systems. Turn the radio on for emergency information.

ONCE YOU'RE INSIDE THE STRUCTURE:

- Shut all windows, doors, chimneys and fireplace vents—this includes everything that can be closed quickly and easily to prevent the chemical from entering.
- Turn off all forced air heating or cooling systems. Turn off stove and bathroom exhaust fans.
- Go into a room, preferably with no windows or outside air vents. If possible seal the door, windows, vents, etc. with plastic sheeting and tape, or with wet rags. (Do not go into the basement)
- Continue listening to a local emergency alert station on the radio. You may be given instructions to evacuate. You will be notified when the emergency is over.