

What Does Shelter-in-Place Mean?

“Shelter-in-place” means to take **immediate** shelter wherever you are – home, work, school or in between. Local authorities may instruct you to “shelter-in-place” if **chemical or radiological contaminants are released into the environment**, usually for just a few hours. This is a precaution aimed to keep you safe while remaining indoors.



Now, when you hear “chemical or radiological contaminants” are you thinking nuclear only? There are chemicals of all kinds that are transported through cities all over the nation via trucks and trains and even though safety is of the utmost importance to these companies in the delivery of them, accidents still happen; it’s a fact of life. Don’t **you** want to be protected?

Chemical, biological or radiological contaminants may be released accidentally or intentionally into the environment. Should this occur, information will be provided by local authorities on television and radio. It is important to keep a TV or radio on, even during the workday. The important thing is for you to follow instructions of local authorities and know what to do if they advise you to shelter-in-place.



Follow these links to find out more:



How to be Prepared in general, at home, at work and at school:

<http://www.kingscountyoem.com/CountyKings/shelter4.htm>

How to Know When You Need to Shelter-in-Place:

<http://www.kingscountyoem.com/CountyKings/shelter5.htm>



Chemical Emergencies:

<http://www.kingscountyoem.com/CountyKings/shelter7.htm>

Radiological Emergencies:

<http://www.kingscountyoem.com/CountyKings/shelter8.htm>

Tips before Entering a Shelter:

<http://www.kingscountyoem.com/CountyKings/shelter9.htm>

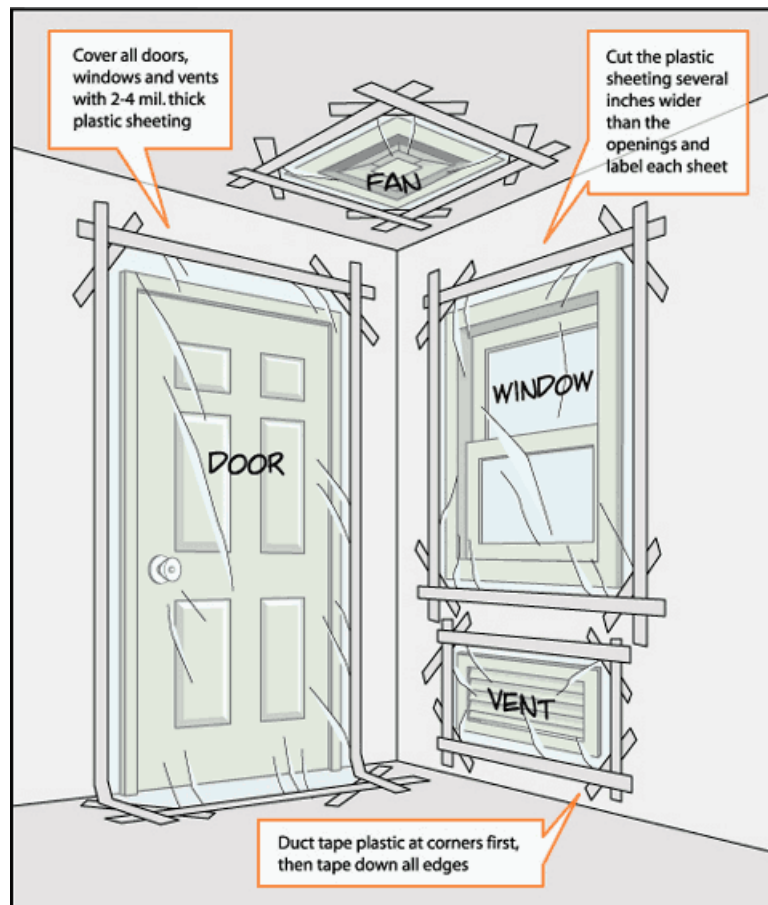




Isolation and Quarantine Links:

<http://www.kingscountyoem.com/CountyKings/isolation.htm>

You may also find more information at www.ready.gov



Resources:

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