



**American
Red Cross**
of Greater Indianapolis

Be Red Cross Ready

Shelter in place

If local authorities advise you to shelter-in-place, they mean for you to remain inside your home or office and protect yourself there.

- Close and lock all windows and exterior doors.
- If you're told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds and curtains.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.
- Close the fireplace damper.
- Get your disaster supplies kit and make sure the radio is working.
- Go to an interior room without windows that is above ground level. (In case of a chemical threat, an above-ground location is preferable because some chemicals are heavier than air and can seep into basements even if the windows are closed.)
- Bring your pets with you, and be sure to bring extra food and water for them.
- It's ideal to have a hard-wired telephone in the room you select. Call your emergency contact and have the phone available if you need to report a life-threatening condition. Cell phone equipment may be overwhelmed or damaged during an emergency.
- Use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal all cracks around the door and any vents into the room.
- Keep listening to your radio or television until you're told it's safe or you're instructed to evacuate. Local officials may call for evacuation of areas at greatest risk in your community.