

Shelter In Place

Shelter in place is the best first response in the event of a chemical emergency. Shelter in place is part of the emergency plan for Calhoun County. If there is an emergency and our community is ordered to shelter in place, seek shelter, close all doors and windows and follow these easy steps:

- ▶ Move indoors immediately.
- ▶ Close and lock all windows and doors. (Locking provides a tighter seal.)
- ▶ Turn off all heating, cooking and ventilation systems including all window and attic fans.
- ▶ Go into one room of your school, office or home. This room should have a telephone and either a television or radio.
- ▶ Place plastic and duct tape around all doors and windows in the room. Use heavy plastic that is large enough to cover the entire window or door.
- ▶ Plastic drop cloths that are used when painting are good to use for sheltering in place emergencies.
- ▶ Place wet towels at the bottom of the door. Keep extra towels available. If you smell a chemical odor, cover your nose and mouth with a wet towel.
- ▶ Stay tuned to your local TV and radio stations for further instructions.
- ▶ Stay inside your closed room until you receive an all-clear signal. When you receive that signal, open all doors and windows and go outside until your house or work place is well ventilated.
- ▶ Use the telephone only for emergencies. Unnecessary calls may prevent essential and official calls from getting through to you.

DO NOT'S:

- ▶ Do not call the school or try to pick up your children. They will be safer sheltering in place at school than they will be riding in your vehicle.
- ▶ Do not leave the shelter until the "all clear" message is broadcast.
- ▶ Do not risk your safety for your pets. If they can't be found within a minute or two, you'll have to shelter in place without them.
- ▶ Do not wait until the disaster strikes to prepare... *It's never too early.*