

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

NOTIFICATION

If there is an emergency that is a risk to the public, your local officials will notify you by radio, TV, or if you are a registered CodeRED subscriber. The outdoor warning sirens may be activated. If you hear the sirens, immediately go inside and tune into WKEB 99.3 FM or WSAW (CH.7) or WAOW (CH. 9).

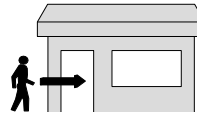
If you are told there has been a hazardous materials release, most often there is not enough time for evacuation. The safest immediate action is to shelter-in-place while listening for further instructions.

There may be times when there has been NO advance notice, but you still need to **TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION**. Take immediate action if you:

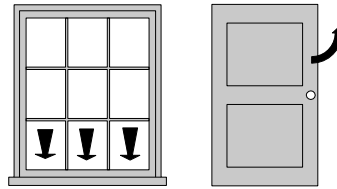
- ◆ Hear a strange sound like an explosion.
- ◆ See a vapor cloud.
- ◆ Smell a strange odor.
- ◆ Feel nauseous or have burning eyes.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE MEANS:

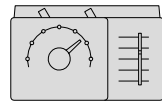
1. Move inside a building



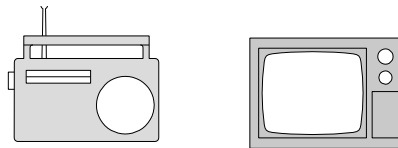
2. Close all windows and doors



3. Turn off all ventilation systems (Includes heating and AC)



4. Listen to your local radio or TV



- Bring pets inside if practical.
- If indoors already, stay there.
- Do not go outside to investigate.
- If your children are at school or daycare, they will be instructed to remain indoors.
- Call your emergency contact and let them know where you are.

In a structure:

Close all windows, doors, chimney or fireplace vents. This includes everything that can quickly and easily be closed to prevent the chemical from entering a building you are in.

Turn off forced air heating or cooling systems. Turn off exhaust fans.

Go into a room, preferably one with no or few windows. Information will be disseminated to the public throughout the incident. When instructed or you deem appropriate, seal all doors, windows, vents, etc. with plastic and tape. Use damp towels under doors. Remember, by sealing up a room (or the entire home) for a prolonged period of time, there can be a danger of asphyxiation. **Always** maintain a planned fire escape route.

Continue to listen to the radio or TV on a local news station. WKEB 99.3 FM Radio is the designated emergency alert station for Taylor County. You will be notified when the emergency is over. (Use a battery-powered radio if the power is off.)

When you are told the area is safe, ventilating your place of shelter may be recommended by opening all doors and windows and airing out the building in case a small amount of the chemical has seeped in.

If in a vehicle:

Close all windows and shut all manual vents. Turn off the ventilation system. Turn on the radio for emergency information.

SHELTER-IN-PLACE PRE-PLANNING

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

- Know what doors and windows are likely to be open and assign someone to check and close them.
- Know where the manual vents are and how to close them.
- Know where forced air heating or cooling controls/power exhaust vents are and how to turn them off.
- Know what room you will go to and how to seal it.
- Have at least one telephone that is **not** cordless in case power (electricity) is lost.
- Have a radio. One that is battery operated in the room you've identified.
- Be patient—help may not be immediate.
- Know your local news station(s):
WKEB 99.3 FM (Designated Emergency Alert Station), **WSAW-CH. 7 - TV & WAOW-CH. 9 - TV.**
- Only call 911 if there is an injury or other immediate emergency.
- Follow Taylor County Emergency Management, Taylor County Sheriff's Office & Medford Police Department's Facebook pages

Shelter-In-Place Checklist

- ✓ **Go indoors.**
- ✓ **Close windows and doors.**
- ✓ **Turn off ventilation systems.**
- ✓ **Go to an inside room.**
- ✓ **Turn on radio for more info.**

Shelter-In-Place Kit

You should gather these items together in a box and have ready for any emergency:

- Plastic for windows
- Duct tape
- Towel for under door
- Bottled water and food that won't spoil
- Sanitation supplies
- Radio, flashlight, and extra batteries
- First Aid Kit that includes prescription medication and toiletries

Do you own a NOAA All Hazards Radio?

**Besides severe weather information,
hazardous material spill information
can be heard 24 hours a day on an
all hazards radio.**

**For further information to assist in
your planning needs prior to an
emergency, contact Taylor County
Emergency Management
715-748-3503**

www.taylor.co.wi.us

**The following websites are also
beneficial for planning:**

www.ready.gov
www.redcross.org

Shelter- In-Place

Guidelines for the Taylor County



**Get A Kit
Make-A-Plan
Be Informed**