

# SHELTER-IN-PLACE

In the event a chemical incident takes place and you are ordered to Shelter-In-Place, protective measures may include any or all of the following:

- Closing and locking all doors and windows (windows sometime seal better when locked).
- Turning off all air circulation systems (heating, air conditioning, clothes dryers, vent fans, fireplace dampers, exhaust fans, range vents, etc.).
- Building superintendents should set all ventilation systems to 100% recirculation so that no outside air is drawn into the structure. Where this is not possible, ventilation systems should be turned off.
- Sealing cracks around doors and windows and sealing gaps around vents, air conditioners, exhaust fans, etc. with tape & plastic sheeting, wax paper, aluminum wrap, or wet towels.
- Close as many internal doors as possible and stay in room nearest center of building.
- If explosion is possible, cover windows by pulling shades, curtains or drapes.
- If fumes have penetrated, breathing through a wet cloth over nose and mouth. For a higher degree of protection go into the bathroom, close the door, and turn on the shower in a strong spray to “wash” the air. Seal off bathroom. Do not worry about running out of air to breathe. This is highly unlikely in normal homes and buildings.
- Keep telephone, radio (tuned to local station WPDR- 1350 AM \* WDDC- 100.1 FM \* WNNO- 106.9 FM \* WBKY- 95.9 FM), weather radio, and/or TV in room for future instructions.
- Do not use elevators. These tend to “pump” outdoor air in and out of a building as they travel up and down.

