

# How to **SHELTER** **in** **PLACE**

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The Town of Niverville would like to inform you about an emergency practice called **"Shelter in Place,"** a procedure to carry out in the event of a hazardous material getting released into the air.

The basics of Shelter in Place are:

- 1. Go indoors immediately and stay there.**
- 2. Close all windows and doors.**
- 3. Turn off furnace, air conditioners and exhaust systems.**
- 4. Stay informed:**

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**Do NOT leave the building until  
you are told it is safe.**

Our well weather-stripped buildings slow the movement of air into the buildings. Any hazardous material that does enter is weakened when it mixes with the indoor air. It is imperative that you stay indoors, especially if you see a cloud, vapour or smoke from a hazardous material outdoors or if you can smell it indoors. You will be safer inside. Other things you can do include:

- Set thermostats so air conditioners, furnace, and hot water heaters will not come on.
- Shelter in an inside room away from windows and doors if possible
- Do not use fireplaces. Close all dampers
- Do not operate clothes dryers
- Do not use kitchen or bathroom vents
- Reduce or avoid smoking as it contaminates the air.
- Don't tie up phone lines required for emergency communications
- Schools have their own Shelter in Place programs. Do not go to schools to collect your children.