

WHITEWATER

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

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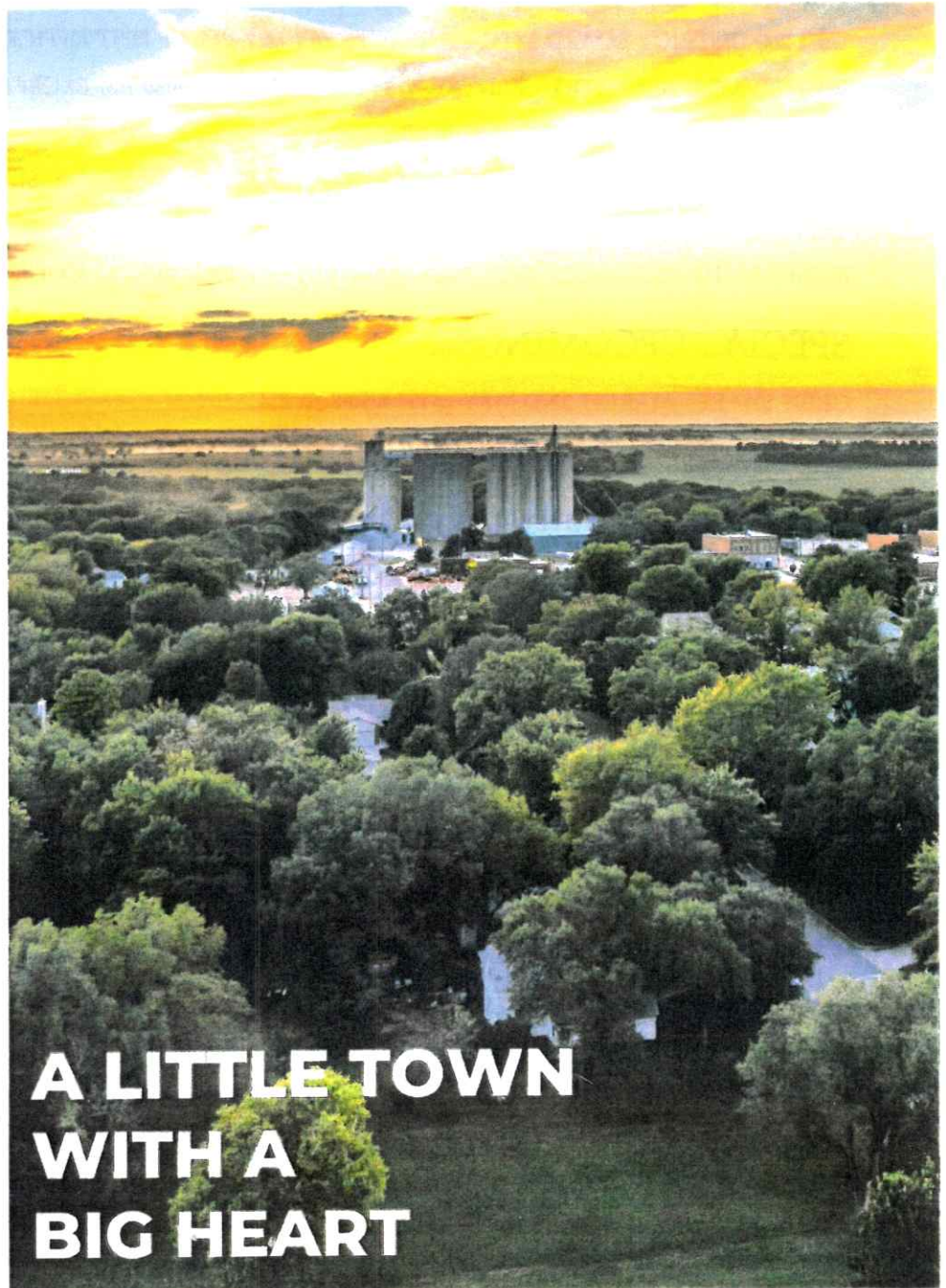


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**A LITTLE TOWN
WITH A
BIG HEART**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

EVERY MONTH...

CITY COUNCIL MTG—4TH MONDAY @ 7 PM AT CITY BUILDING

WHITEWATER FIRE BOARD MTG—EVERY 3rd MONDAY @ 8 PM AT FIRE DEPTDIST OFFICE

WHITEWATER VOLUNTEER FIRE MTG—1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM AT FIRE DEPT

LIBRARY BOARD MTG—1ST TUESDAY @ 7 PM AT LIBRARY

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY—1ST MONDAY @ 4:30 PM AT LIBRARY

USD 206 DISTRICT BOARD MTG—2ND TUESDAY @ 7 PM AT DIST OFFICE

WHITEWATER AREA FOOD PANTRY—1ST MONDAYS 4:30-5:30 PM EXCEPT HOLIDAYS

REMINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY MTG—1ST MONDAY @ 7 PM AT RHS BAND ROOM

SENIOR DAYS—3RD WEDNESDAY 1-3 PM AT FEDERATED CHURCH BASEMENT

SENIOR DINNER—4TH TUESDAY @ 12 PM AT AMERICAN LEGION

MOM'S IN TOUCH—1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS @ 9 AM AT BRUHN COFFEE HOUSE

SPECIAL UPCOMINGS...

GRIEF SHARE—MARCH 2ND-MAY 25TH 6:30-8:30 PM

BINGO—AMERICAN LEGION - APRIL 15TH & MAY 6TH 7 PM

BANQUET/BALLET—WHITEWATER COMMUNITY CHURCH—SAT APRIL 22 5 PM

BASIC FIRST AID—TUES APRIL 25 6:30 PM FIRE DISTRICT OFFICE

COMMUNITY VBS—MYSTERY ISLAND— MAY 22-26TH 8:30-11:30 AM PRE-K THRU 8TH WWCC

BUNKO FOR "BOOKIES" - 21 yrs + OLDER— FRI MAY 26TH 6:30 PM WW LIBRARY

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES—FRI JUNE 9TH & SAT 10TH

CHURCH OUTDOOR VOLLEYBALL CAMP—JUNE 19-23RD 6-8 PM GRACE BAPTIST

CITY WIDE CLEANUP—SAT JULY 29TH 7:30-NOON

BIBLE STUDY—THURSDAY EVE @ 7 PM 211 N ELM ST

DISCERNING TRUTH VIDEO SERIES—WED EVE @ 7-8 PM RHS AUDITORIUM

ADD YOUR EVENT BY CALLING THE CITY
OFFICE
AT 799-2445 OR EMAIL

Council meetings are the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the City Building, open to the public.

Mayor: Brady Gragg, Council: Jeffrey Artman, Grant Bowlin, Trent Clark, Dennis Nelson, Kenneth Stringer

FEBRUARY 27, 2023.

When 2021 & 2022 Audits complete, they will be open to public to hear. Concern of Train Derailment/Hazmat and having a plan in place. In April city sales tax in effect .5% to a total of 1%. City to update policy for a city employee to volunteer for the fire department and wages not effected. Speed limits in the city were set in 1999 Ordinance #507 at 20 mph. Insurance replacement rates and premiums discussed. Mayor Gragg, District Administrator Gerber and WW Fire Bartlett to meet regarding tornado/weather safety. Graber Backhoe completed putting dirt on exposed pipeline between Potwin and Whitewater. Along with pipeline the backhoe company removed debris from the Whitewater River. Proposals were presented for slurry seal for city streets. Council approved 2022 proposal and 2023 tabled. Letters were sent to residents regarding homes/yards from Health Environmental Board. Council was adjourned.

WHITEWATER SENIOR CENTER

AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING
MEETS THE 2ND & 4TH TUESDAY
(55 OR OLDER)
DOORS OPEN
9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
LUNCH AT 12:00 NOON

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& TABLEWARE**

APRIL 11, 25

MAY 9, 23

JUNE 13, 27



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Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District



The Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District hosted the 2023 Storm Fury on the Plains (severe weather education event) presented by Keri Korthals, Butler County Emergency Management. The event was held at the Whitewater Fire District Office. There was a lot of good information presented about severe weather and what to look for when the storm rolls around. We had a good attendance, thanks all that attended. Special Thanks to Keri Korthals for presenting the training.

The Whitewater River CFD has had 33 calls the first quarter of 2023, with 13 of the calls in March, which is down from 50 calls in the first quarter of 2022. The March 2023 calls range from Citizen Assist calls (3), grass fires (1), a dumpster fire (1), medical calls (6) and mutual aid (2) calls.

The Whitewater River Consolidated Fire District conducts 24 regularly scheduled fire drills a year that include a variety of training topics. We train on everything from donning our turnout gear (coats, pants, boots, hoods, helmets and gloves), SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus), truck pumping operations, structure fire operations, medical call procedures, hazmat, rescue tools and extrication along with numerous other topics. If you are interested in joining, feel free to stop by the District Office, come to a fire drill or call (316) 799-2121 to see what it's all about. Our fire drills are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7pm, either at the District Office or the Whitewater Fire Station.

Basic First Aid, CPR and AED Training Event

Where: Whitewater Fire District Office
206 S. Main Street, Whitewater

When: April 25th @ 630pm

Cost: Free (Couple of hours of your time)

Instructors: Liz Claassen, RN and local EMTs



Know what to do if someone has a medical emergency and needs your immediate assistance. This training will provide information about what to do if someone has a cardiac event. The training will cover both adult, child and infant CPR. There will be some lecture as well as hands on training with training manikins and a trainer AED. This training event will **NOT** include any certification, but we can provide information about obtaining a certification if you desire.

SECONDS COUNT WHEN A CARDIAC EVENT

HAPPENS, KNOW HOW TO HELP.

If you have any questions, contact (316) 799-2121

SUMMER HELP WANTED

THE CITY MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER HELP.

APPLICANTS MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD WITH A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE.
PREFERABLY HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE AGE.

JOB WOULD INCLUDE: MOWING, WEED EATING,
PAINTING, WORKING WITH HAND TOOLS

APPLICATIONS MAY BE PICKED UP FROM THE
CITY OFFICE BEGINNING MARCH 14 THROUGH
APRIL 30.

DUMP NOTICE

Grass clippings (from mowing) and leaves **ONLY**
in the compost pile. No limbs in this area
because they will not compost. Please empty all grass
clippings from bags that they may have been brought to the
compost area in and dispose of properly.

All limbs, sticks, garden waste, flowers & hedge clippings need to be
placed in the burn pile.

**No open burning of any debris,
including leaves, within the city limits.**

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

WHITEWATER/POTWIN CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH AND SATURDAY JUNE 10TH

A CHARGE OF \$7.00 PER SALE WILL BE
COLLECTED TO COVER ADVERTISING COSTS, ETC.
MAPS - ALONG WITH INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT
YOU ARE SELLING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE
FOR BUYERS TO PICK UP.



IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE
FILL OUT THE FORM DOWN BELOW OR
CALL HEATHER- CITY OFFICE - 799-2445

SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2022.

GARAGE SALE SIGN UP

Office Use Only

Paid: _____

Name: _____

Address of Sale: _____

Phone: _____

List of Items for sale: _____

WASTE CONNECTIONS
Citywide Summer Clean-up
Saturday, July 29th - 7:30 am-Noon

Waste Connections will make one pass thru the city.
Items must be brought to the street for curbside pickup
Waste Connections requests all items to be collected
be set at the curb prior to 7:30am, July 29th

Waste Connections asks that all items being collected need to be able to be handled by two people safely. General trash, small amounts of bundled brush or limbs, furniture including, chairs, couches, tables. Appliances including, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, small electrical appliances such as TV's, computers, mixers, blenders. Patio grills, patio furniture, push lawn mowers (free of gas & oil) and lawn trimmers. Tree limbs and branches must be cut in 3 foot lengths and bundled for easy pickup. Any trash not in the trash cart must be in throwaway containers such as boxes or bags, no more than 30-gallon capacity. No loose trash or debris will be picked up, or box or bag exceeding 40 pounds in weight.

Here is a list of items NO LANDFILL OR TRANSFER STATION will accept:

Car batteries, oil filters, fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, any asbestos materials, explosives, paint (we will take empty & dried up paint cans), no hazardous liquids (such as fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, diesel fuel, gas, oil, transmission fluid, antifreeze, etc.) tires. REFRIGERATORS, FREEZERS AND AIR CONDITIONERS must be tagged by a technician and must have the appropriate paper work with it in order for Waste Connections to pick it up.



COURTESY REQUEST

**IF YOU WALK YOUR DOG IN PUBLIC AREAS
AND/OR BASEBALL FIELDS,
OUR CHILDREN WILL BE PLAYING THE REST OF THE SUMMER**

**PLEASE USE THE DOG WASTE BAG STATION
AND SCOOP UP AFTER THEM.**

**PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR TOWN CLEAN
AND A PLEASANT PLACE TO BE.**

**THANK YOU,
WHITEWATER PARK BOARD**



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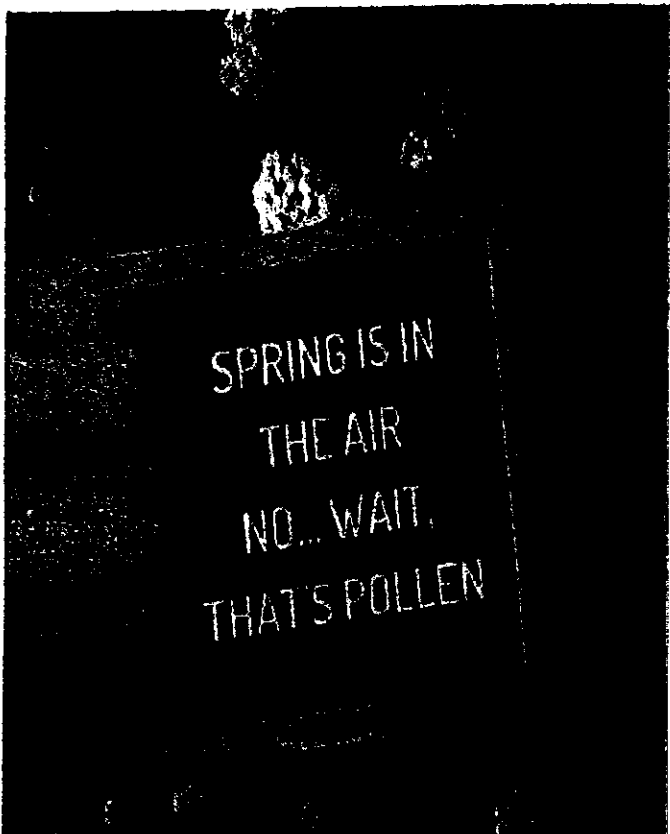
Brad Yazel, Owner

Grace Graham, Manager

(316) 799 - 2000

yazelmeglfh.com

120 S. Main St. Whitewater, KS



ANIMAL TAGS

New animals tags are now
available at the City Building.

The current tags expire on May 31, 2021.

Proof of current rabies vaccination
will need to be shown before a tag
can be purchased. If your pet has been spayed or
neutered the cost for the
tag is \$5.00. If not the cost is \$10.00.
These tags are available for dogs & cats.

Tags will be available at the City Building only.

Questions - call 799-2445.



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WHITEWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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whitelib@sbcglobal.net | www.whitewaterlib.info | www.facebook.com/whitewaterlibrary

HOURS

Monday: 1:30 - 8:00 pm
Tuesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday: 1:30 - 8:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday: CLOSED
Sunday: CLOSED

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Secretary: Paulette Claassen
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Member: Patty King

Periodicals Collection Receives Refresh

In recent years, many periodicals the library carries have ceased publication or changed policies and pricing. In addition, the subscription service company we used discontinued operations. This seemed like a good time to evaluate and refresh the library's selection.

We have just negotiated a contract with a new service and should begin to receive 2023 issues of the following in May:

MAGAZINES:

American Essence
Consumer Reports
Kansas!
Life: Beautiful
Love of Quilting
Magnolia Journal
Mother Earth News
People
Pioneer Woman
Prevention
Reader's Digest
Smithsonian
Sports Illustrated

Taste of Home
World

FOR CHILDREN:

Brio
Clubhouse
Clubhouse Jr
Sports Illustrated Kids
Zoobooks

NEWSPAPERS:

Butler County Times-Gazette
Newton Kansan
Epoch Times

Summer Reading 2023 Your Departure Date is June 5

Get ready to "travel" this summer to all seven continents around the world! Our library decorators are back and planning an exciting display in the library.

Story Time for "littles" will return, with the addition of Story Time for children ages 6 - 10 (ish).

More information coming in May.



May Bunco for "Bookies!"

Who: Adults 21 and over

What: Play bunco with friends and enjoy snacks!



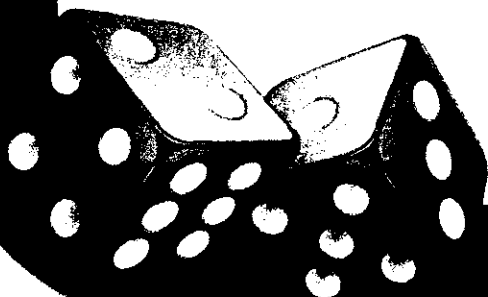
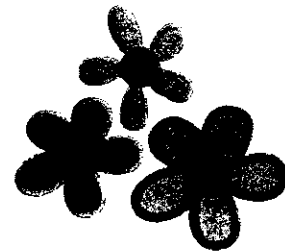
This time it's BYOD! (Bring your own Drinks)

When: May 26th at 6:30pm

Where: Whitewater Memorial Library

Why: Spend time with community members and have a laugh!

Cost: \$5 at the door



SATURDAY, APRIL 22
AT WHITEWATER COMMUNITY CHURCH

Fundraising Banquet

5 P.M.

Raising funds for the chaplain
position at Wheat State Manor.



-AND-

Free will offerings will be taken.



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THE STORY OF

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6 P.M.

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Banquet AND/OR THE *Ballet*

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COMMUNITY VBS



Tracking Down the One True God

WHITEWATER COMMUNITY CHURCH

PRE-K THRU 8TH GRADE

MAY 22-26

8:30-11:30AM



REGISTER BY SCANNING
THE QR CODE

**DISMISSAL LOCATIONS : 1ST-8TH GRADE: RMS
PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN: WCC**

**POTWIN SHUTTLE BUS:
8AM METHODIST CHURCH**



Spring is here and that means Honeybee swarms. If you see a swarm of honeybees please call me. I will come and remove them for you.

Marietta Graham 316.765.5143

I sell honey, soaps, lotions, lip balms. Harvest Hill Honey Farm, Whitewater.

Grace Baptist Church Outdoor Volleyball Camp

Who: Boys and Girls going into 3rd to 8th grade.

When: June 19th to June 23rd, 6 to 8 pm.

Cost: \$15 registration, includes t-shirt.

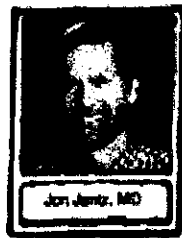
Deadline to Register: June 9

How to Register: Contact Coach Ken Cook at 316.305.7573 (call or text)

Information Needed: Name, Grade of school in fall, 2023, Years of experience, if any, T-shirt size, Emergency Contact Information

What to Bring: Water and a Volleyball, if you have one

Coach Ken started playing volleyball in high school where he played on the boys' team and continued over the years in competitive leagues. Last year he added coaching to his skill set. In all, he has a combined 13 years of experience in playing and coaching volleyball.



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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

For people experiencing grief after the death of
a family member, or friend



WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

When: Thursdays from 6:30-8:30p beginning March 2 and ending May 25

Where: Whitewater Community Church in the Fireside Room

Cost: Free!

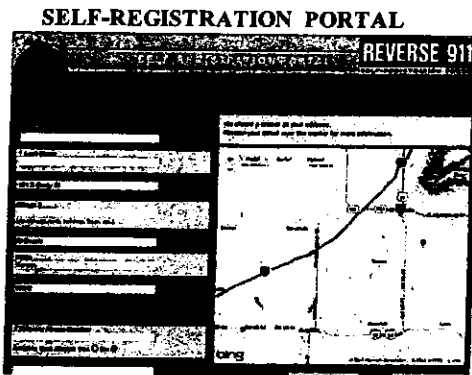
Each week, we will watch a 30-40 minute video about an aspect of grief, then have an opportunity to share and talk. This program has been proven to help people who are grieving from the death of loved ones.

If you have questions, contact LeeAnn Groben at 941-544-4273

Reverse 911® is loaded with landline telephone data from 9-1-1 databases. It does NOT include cell phone numbers or VoIP phone system numbers. If you wish to receive notifications on your cell phone or VoIP phone you MUST register your information using the self registration portal or contact Butler County Emergency Communications.

Butler County's Reverse 911® system is made possible in part by support from:

REVERSE 911



<https://bucoks.onthealert.com>



**What you should know about
Butler County's Reverse 911®
Emergency Notification System**

Once you enter your address the self registration portal plots your location on the map. You can more precisely place your location by dragging the pin with your mouse.

To complete the process you must reply to an email sent by the system to verify authenticity.



Visit www.bucoks.com for more information

Reverse 911® is an emergency warning tool used to make rapid emergency telephone notifications to residents and businesses in precise geographic areas. Reverse 911® will be used by Butler County emergency officials, during emergencies only, to deliver incident-specific information or potentially life-saving instruction to those in the affected area(s).

Actual Examples of Reverse 911 uses in Butler County

- Flood Evacuations
- Wild Fire Evacuations
- Neighborhood alerts of police manhunts
- Missing toddlers
- Missing Alzheimer' s Patients
- Boil water notifications
- Hazardous material spills
- Escaped prisoners

Frequently Asked Questions (cont' d)

Will my number be sold or shared?

Absolutely not. Your number will only be used to communicate official messages.

I have call screening to discourage telemarketers. Will I receive Reverse 911?

Perhaps. If your system simply requires a valid caller ID, we will get through. However, in a natural disaster or other emergency you should disable your blocking.

Can I add more than one cell phone number to my address?

Use the Self Registration portal to add cell phones to your actual address. The system will not accept Post Office boxes; it must be a real street address.

I live in a remote area, sometimes my location is hard to find.

The system is geographically based. Use the Self Registration Portal to increase your chances of being properly notified.

I did not get called during a recent event. How can I be sure my information is correct?

Because emergency notifications are geographically based, showing the system your accurate address on the mapping application will solve the problem in most cases. You can use the Self Registration Portal for this.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do you already have my phone number?

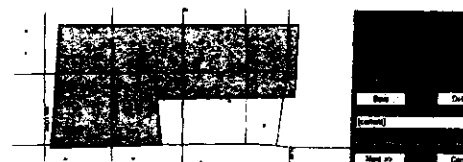
If you have a conventional land line service to your home or office, even if it is unlisted, your number is automatically in the Reverse 911® data base.

What if I have voice over internet service?

If you have digital or internet telephone service, check with your phone provider to see if they are E911 compliant and that your account information is correct.

I am hearing impaired and have a TTY/TDD device... Will I still be able to receive emergency notifications?

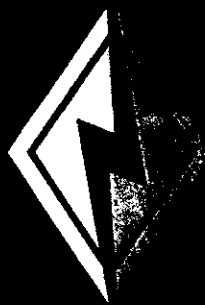
Yes. TTY/TDD devices are automatically detected.



How It Works

Reverse 911® integrates mapping technology with phone databases, and will automatically call Butler County residents and businesses communicating a message recorded by emergency officials.

Currently, Butler County' s Reverse 911® system does NOT track the actual GPS location of your cell phone. It is based strictly on the address you associate with your phone number.



Preferred

Electrical Systems

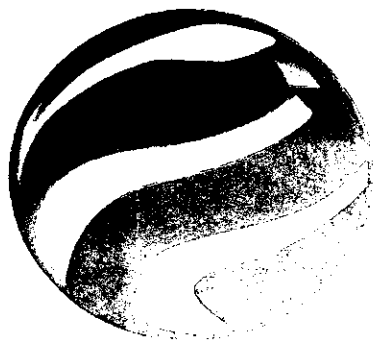
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Shelter-in-Place for Thunderstorm

When disaster strikes, it may be safer to stay in your home, place of employment, or other location. Learn where to go, what to do, and how long you should shelter-in-place for the hazards in your area.

Lightning is a leading cause of injury and death from weather-related hazards. Thunderstorms are dangerous storms that include lightning.

Take Additional Safety Measures

When thunder roars, go indoors. A sturdy building is the safest place to be during a thunderstorm.

Go inside as quickly as possible. Bring any pets indoors.

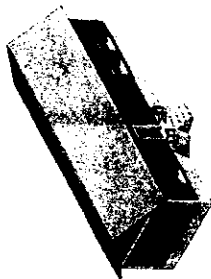
If necessary, take shelter in a car with a metal top and sides. Do not touch anything metal.

Get to land if boating or swimming. Find a sturdy, grounded shelter or vehicle immediately.

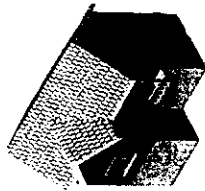
Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of thunderstorms. Be ready to change plans, if necessary, to be near shelter.

Listen for current emergency information and instructions.

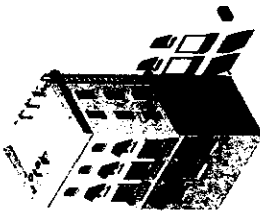
Sheltering in a
**Manufactured or
Mobile Home**



Sheltering in a
1- or 2-Story Building

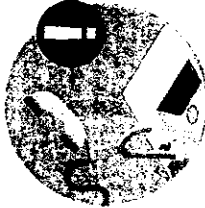


Sheltering in a
Multistory Building



Listen to authorities and weather forecasts for information on whether it is safe to go outside and instructions regarding potential flash flooding.

For all structures, **stay inside.**



Avoid running water or using landline phones as electricity can travel through plumbing and phone lines.

What to do

Unplug appliances and other electric devices to avoid surges.



Visit <https://community.fema.gov/ProtectiveActions/s/> for more information.

Shelter-in-Place for Tornado

When disaster strikes, it may be safer to stay in your home, place of employment, or other location. Learn where to go, what to do, and how long you should shelter-in-place for the hazards in your area.

Tornadoes are violently rotating columns of air that extend from a thunderstorm to the ground. Tornadoes can destroy buildings, flip cars, and create deadly flying debris.

Take Additional Safety Measures

Take additional cover by shielding your head and neck with your arms and putting materials such as furniture and blankets around you.

Go inside as quickly as possible. Bring any pets indoors.

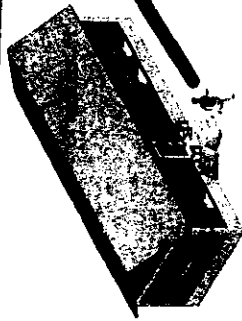
Do not enter damaged buildings until you are told that they are safe.

If you are trapped, cover your mouth with a cloth or mask to avoid breathing dust. Try to send a text, bang on a pipe or wall, or use a whistle instead of shouting.

Take your go-bag and critical documents with you.

Listen for current emergency information and instructions from authorities.

If you are in a Manufactured or Mobile Home



Get out! Go to a safe room, storm shelter, or sturdy building as soon as possible. Manufactured structures such as mobile homes are unsafe during a tornado.

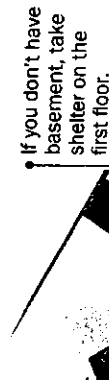


Take your go-bag and critical documents with you.



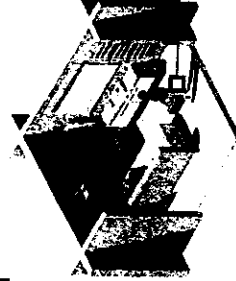
Leave immediately. Do not stay inside.

If you are in a 1- or 2-Story Building



If you don't have basement, take shelter on the first floor.

Go to a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level.



Basement or lowest level in the structure



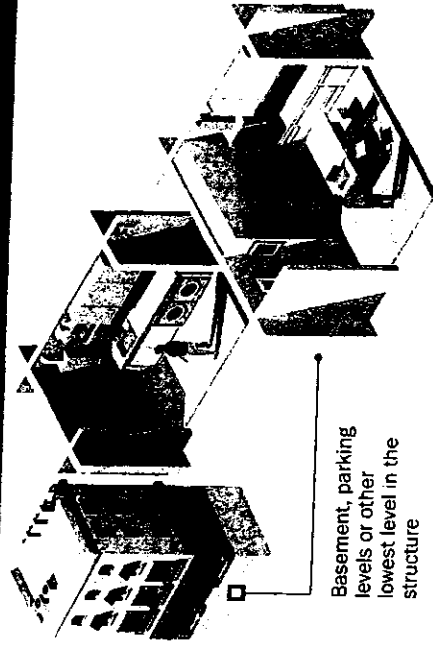
Take your go-bag and critical documents with you.



Stay inside until weather forecasts and local authorities indicate it is safe to leave.

Use extreme care when leaving a building as there may be dangerous debris.

If you are in a Multistory Building



Basement, parking levels or other lowest level in the structure

Go to a small, interior, windowless room in a sturdy building on the lowest level.



Take your go-bag and critical documents with you.



Shelter-in-Place for Flooding/Flash Flooding

If told not to evacuate or it is too late to evacuate

When disaster strikes, it may be safer to stay in your home, place of employment, or other location. Learn where to go, what to do, and how long you should shelter-in-place for the hazards in your area.

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in the United States. Floods may develop slowly or quickly without warning. Flash flooding is due to an extreme volume of water in a short period caused by heavy rainfall, a levee or dam failure, or a sudden release of water by a debris or ice jam.

Take Additional Safety Measures

- Go inside as quickly as possible. Bring any pets indoors.
- If told to evacuate, do so immediately.
 - Do not drive around barricades.
 - Stay off bridges over fast moving water. Turn around. Don't drown®
 - If your vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, stay inside.
- If water is rising inside the vehicle, get on the roof and call 911.
- Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery ONLY outdoors and 20 feet from the house and away from windows.
- Listen for current emergency information and instructions.

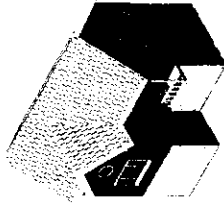
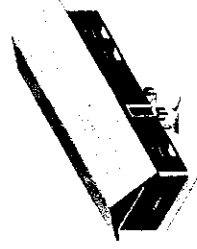
How long to shelter-in-place?



If you are in a
Multistory Building
Includes: hotels, apartment buildings, dormitories

If you are in a
1- or 2-Story Building
Includes: houses, townhomes, condominiums

If you are in a
Manufactured or Mobile Home



If you are safe,
stay inside
until local
authorities
provide other
instructions.

If you are in
danger call 911.

For all structures:



If the floodwaters rise to a dangerous level:

- ☐ Go to the highest level of the building or onto the roof if necessary.
- ☐ Do not climb into a closed attic—you may become trapped by rising flood water.
- ☐ Call 911.



Take your **go-bag** and critical documents with you.



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Shelter-in-Place for Multistory Buildings Includes condos, apartments, offices, and schools

Active Shooter

Run, Hide, Fight.

What to do: Run away from shooter. Call 911 if safe to do so. Hide if you cannot get away safely. Silence electronic devices. Lock and block doors, close blinds, turn off lights. Fight as a last resort.

How long to stay: If you are not able to run to safety, stay in place until law enforcement gives you notice that the danger is over.

Pandemic

Shelter-in-Place: Stay Home. Minimize access to your home from anyone not isolating with you.

What to do: Reduce trips outside to only essential requirements. Clean surfaces often with disinfectant. Wash hands for 20 seconds frequently with soap. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days or weeks. If you must go to an office, campus, or live in a multi-story building, make sure to wear a mask and keep a physical distance of at least 6 ft apart.

How long to stay: As advised by local public health officials.

Hurricane (High Wind, Flooding, Storm Surge)

Shelter-in-Place: For high wind go to a windowless room on the lowest level. For flooding go as high as possible but not into the attic.

What to do: For high wind, go to a small, interior, windowless room in the lowest level.

How long to stay: Stay inside until local authorities provide other instructions.

Thunderstorm

Shelter-in-Place: Stay inside.

What to do: Pay attention to weather reports. Be ready to change plans if necessary. Unplug appliances, avoid using running water or landline phones.

How long to stay: For the length of the storm.

Winter Storm

Shelter-in-Place: Stay inside. Limit time outside.

What to do: Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by using generators and grills ONLY outdoors, 20 feet from the house and away from windows. Never heat a building with a gas stove top or oven.

How long to stay: For the length of the storm.

Flooding

Shelter-in-Place: If the floodwaters rise to a dangerous level, get on the roof if possible and call 911.

What to do: Listen for current emergency information and instructions. Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery ONLY outdoors and 20 feet from the house and away from windows.

How long to stay: Stay inside until authorities indicate it is safe to leave.

Flash Flooding

Nuclear Detonation

Shelter-in-Place: Go to a basement or middle of the building. Stay away from the outer walls and roof. Take shelter in a basement, underground parking garage, or other lowest level in the structure.

What to do: Remove contaminated clothing and wipe off or wash unprotected skin if you were outside after the fallout arrived.

How long to stay: Stay inside for 24 hours unless local authorities provide other instructions, or the building is on fire or in danger of collapsing.

Tornado

Shelter-in-Place: Go to a small, interior, windowless room, in the lowest level.

What to do: Protect your head and neck. Take additional cover by putting blankets around you.

How long to stay: Stay inside until weather forecasts and local authorities say it is safe to do so. Use extreme care when leaving a building as there may be dangerous debris.

Earthquake

Shelter-in-Place: Stay where you are and Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Get under and hold on to sturdy furniture. Protect the head and neck with arms or pillows.

What to do: Drop, Cover and Hold On. If in a bed, turn onto stomach and cover your head and neck with a pillow.

How long to stay: Until the shaking stops.

Chemical Hazard

Shelter-in-Place: Stay inside and seal the room. Use duct tape and plastic sheeting to seal around the windows and doors.

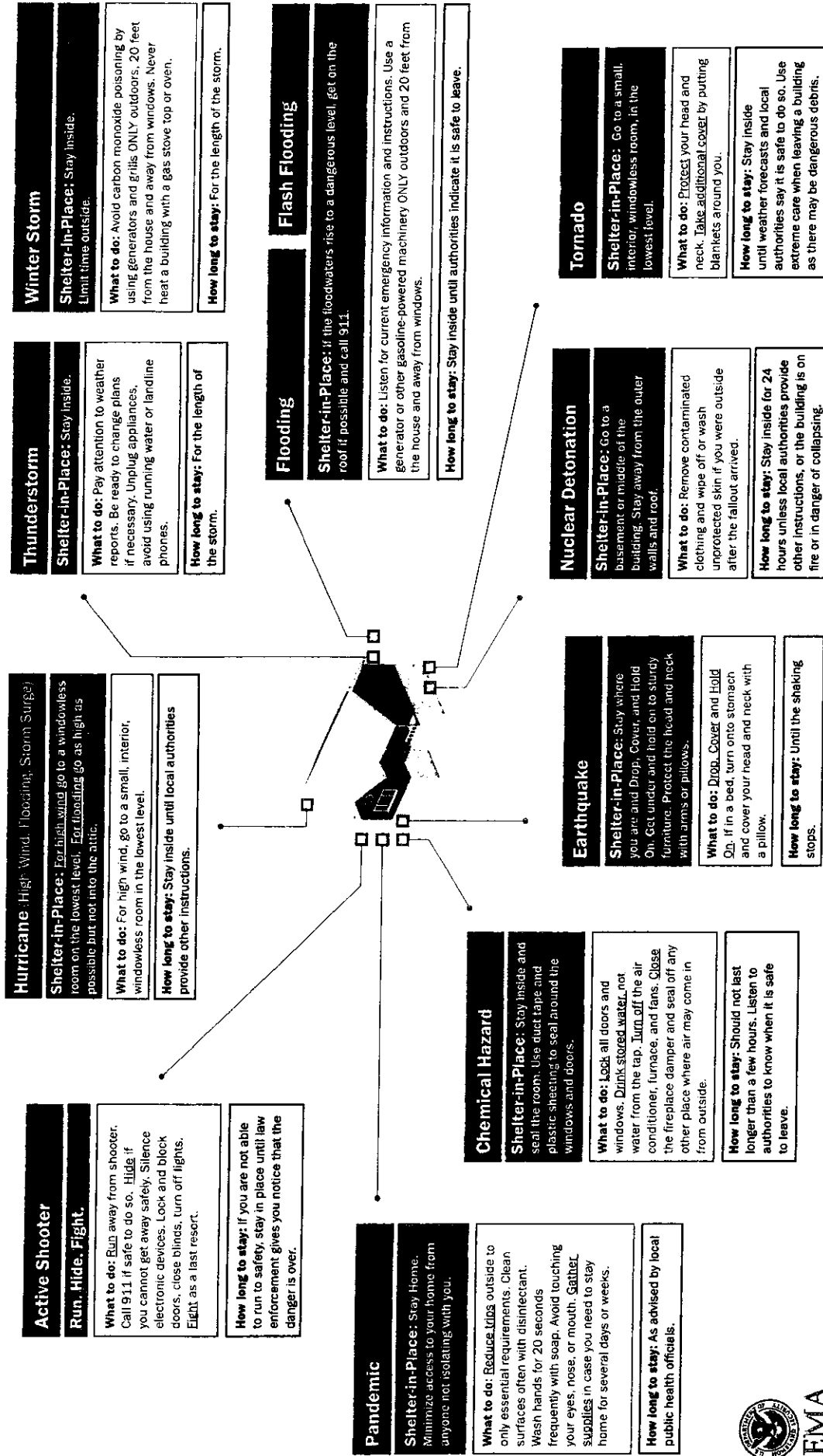
What to do: Lock all doors and windows. Drink stored water, not water from the tap. Turn off the air conditioner, furnace, and fans. Close the fireplace damper and seal off any other place where air may come in from outside.

How long to stay: Should not last longer than a few hours. Listen to authorities to know when it is safe to leave.



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Shelter-in-Place for 1- or 2-Story Building May have an attic and/or basement



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Shelter-in-Place for Manufactured or Mobile Home

Active Shooter

Run, Hide, Fight.

What to do: Run away from shooter. Call 911 if safe to do so. **Hide** if you cannot get away safely. Silence electronic devices. Lock and block doors, close blinds, turn off lights. **Fight** as a last resort.

How long to stay: If you are not able to run to safety, stay in place until law enforcement gives you notice that the danger is over.

Pandemic

Shelter-in-Place: Stay Home. Minimize access to your home from anyone not isolating with you.

What to do: Reduce trips outside to only essential requirements. Clean surfaces often with disinfectant. Wash hands for 20 seconds frequently with soap. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days or weeks.

How long to stay: As advised by local public health officials.

Chemical Hazard

Shelter-in-Place: Stay inside and seal the room. Use duct tape and plastic sheeting to seal around the windows and doors.

What to do: Lock all doors and windows. Drink stored water, not water from the tap. Turn off the air conditioner, furnace, and fans. Close the fireplace damper and seal off any other place where air may come in from outside.

How long to stay: Should not last longer than a few hours. Listen to authorities to know when it is safe to leave.

Earthquake

Shelter-in-Place: Stay where you are and **Drop, Cover, and Hold On**. Get under and hold on to sturdy furniture. Protect the head and neck with arms or pillows.

What to do: Drop, Cover and Hold On. If in a bed, turn onto stomach and cover your head and neck with a pillow.

How long to stay: Until the shaking stops.

Hurricane (High Wind, Flooding, Storm Surge)

Evacuate immediately.

Do not stay inside. Go to a storm shelter or sturdy building. Manufactured structures such as mobile homes are unsafe during a hurricane.

Thunderstorm

Shelter-In-Place: Stay inside.

What to do: Pay attention to weather reports. Be ready to change plans if necessary. Unplug appliances, avoid using running water or landline phones.

How long to stay: For the length of the storm.

Winter Storm

Shelter-In-Place: Stay inside. Limit time outside.

What to do: Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning by using generators and grills **ONLY** outdoors, 20 feet from the house and away from windows. Never heat a building with a gas stove top or oven.

How long to stay: For the length of the storm.

Flooding

Shelter-in-Place: If the floodwaters rise to a dangerous level, get on the roof if possible and call 911.

What to do: Listen for current emergency information and instructions. Use a generator or other gasoline-powered machinery **ONLY** outdoors and 20 feet from the house and away from windows.

How long to stay: Stay inside until authorities indicate it is safe to leave.

Flash Flooding

Nuclear Detonation

Shelter-In-Place: Get inside nearest building, brick or concrete buildings are best. Go to a basement or middle of the building.

What to do: Remove contaminated clothing, wipe off or wash unprotected skin if you were outside after the fallout arrived.

How long to stay: Stay inside for 24 hours unless local authorities provide other instructions. Leave if the building is on fire or may collapse.

Tornado

Evacuate Immediately.

Do not stay inside. Evacuate to a safe room, storm shelter, or sturdy building. Manufactured structures such as mobile homes are unsafe during a tornado.



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Shelter-in-Place for Earthquake

When disaster strikes, it may be safer to stay in your home, place of employment, or other location. Learn where to go, what to do, and how long you should shelter-in-place for the hazards in your area.

Earthquakes are the sudden, rapid shaking of the earth, caused by the breaking and shifting of underground rock. Earthquakes can collapse buildings and cause heavy items to fall, resulting in injuries and property damage.

Take Additional Safety Measures

Drop, Cover, and Hold On.

• **Drop** to your hands and knees so you don't fall.

• Take **Cover** under sturdy furniture. If not available, tuck and cover your neck and head with a coat, blanket, cushion, or your arms.

• **Hold On** to the furniture so you stay covered.

• Crawl only if you can reach better cover without going through an area with more debris.



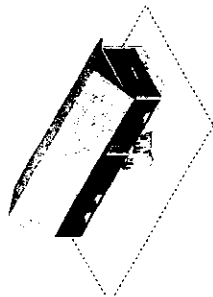
Expect aftershocks. When they happen, **Drop, Cover,**

and **Hold On** again.

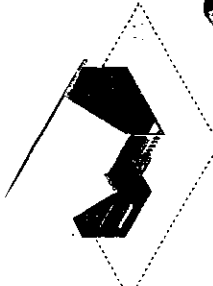
If you are in a high-rise building, expect fire alarms and sprinklers to go off. **DO NOT** use elevators.

Act now to secure TVs, shelves and other heavy furniture.

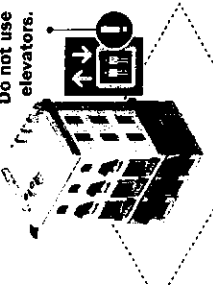
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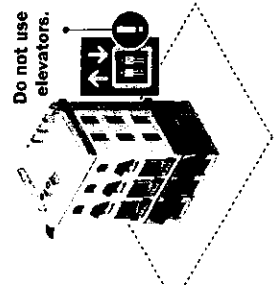
If you are in a
Multistory Building



- ☐ Do not run outside.
- ☐ Do not stand in doorframes.
- ☐ Do not use elevators.

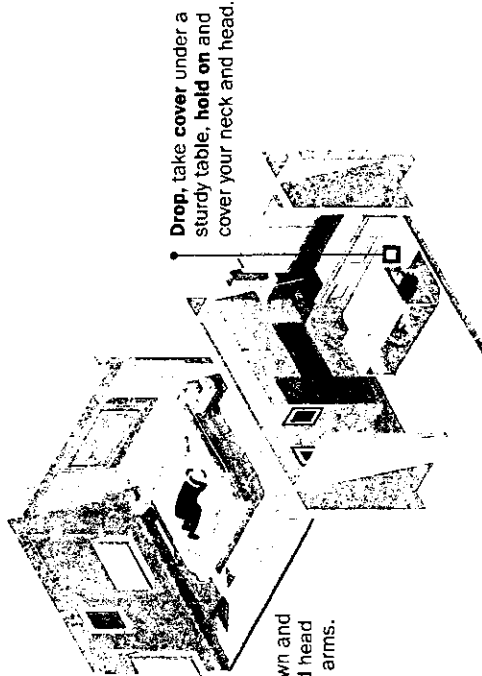


- ☐ If you are outside, move away from buildings, **drop, tuck** your body, and **cover** your head.



Do not use elevators.

For all structures, stay where you are and **Drop, Cover, and Hold On.**



Drop, take cover under a sturdy table, **hold on** and cover your neck and head.

In bed, turn face down and cover your neck and head with a pillow or your arms.



Stay in the **Drop, Cover, and Hold On** position until shaking stops.

After the shaking stops:

- If in a damaged building, go outside and move away from the building.
- If trapped, send a text or bang on a pipe or wall instead of shouting.
- If in an area at risk of tsunami, move inland.



Shelter-in-Place for Chemical Hazard

If you are not sure about the hazard or if it is too high to evacuate

When disaster strikes, it may be safer to stay in your home, place of employment, or other location. Learn where to go, what to do, and how long you should shelter-in-place for the hazards in your area.

Chemical agents are poisonous vapors, aerosols, liquids and solids that have toxic effects on people, animals or plants.

Take Additional Safety Measures

Go inside as quickly as possible. Bring any pets indoors.

Lock all doors and windows for a better seal.

Turn off the air conditioner or furnace, all fans, close the fireplace damper and any other place that air can come in from outside.

Use duct tape and plastic to seal around doors and windows in the room where you take shelter.

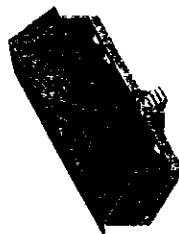
Listen for current emergency information and instructions from authorities.

Do not drink water from the tap. Stored water will be safer.

Manufactured or Mobile Home

1- or 2-Story Building

Multistory Building



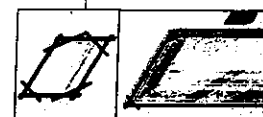
Stay inside and minimize air flow

If possible, further reduce exposure to the chemical hazard by using duct tape and plastic sheeting to:

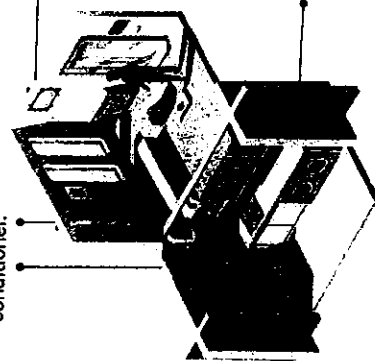
- ☐ tape the gaps around doors and windows
- ☐ cover any vents or recessed fans
- ☐ tape over electrical outlets

Going to an interior room without windows will make it easier to seal the room.

Turn off all fans, furnace or air conditioner.



Use duct tape and plastic sheeting to seal around the windows and doors. This will reduce contaminated air coming into the room.



Going to an interior room without windows will give you fewer locations to seal.

Sheltering in place for a chemical hazard should not last longer than a few hours. Listen to authorities to know when it is safe to leave.



Shelter-in-Place for Active Shooter

When disaster strikes, it may be safer to stay in your home, place of employment, or other location. Learn where to go, what to do, and how long you should shelter-in-place for the hazards in your area.

An active shooter is an individual engaged in attempting to kill people in a confined space or populated area. Active shooters typically use firearms and have no pattern to their selection of victims.

Take Additional Safety Measures

- If you see suspicious activity, let an authority know right away.
- When you enter buildings, take the time to identify two exits and look for places where you could hide. Get in the habit of doing this. It will help you to act quickly if you ever need to.
- Map out places to hide. In rooms without windows, behind solid doors with locks, under desks, or behind heavy furniture.
- Ask about plans for places you spend a lot of time, including workplaces, houses of worship, and schools.
- If you participate in an active shooter drill, talk with your family about what you learned and how to apply it to other locations.
- Map out places to hide. In rooms without windows, behind solid doors with

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Run. Hide. Fight.



First Officers on scene will not stop to help the Injured. Their priority is to end the incident as fast as possible. Rescue teams will move in after the first officers and will treat and move the injured to safety.

Run



- ☐ **Get away** That is your top priority!
- ☐ **Leave** behind any belongings.
- ☐ **Help** others if you can, but you must escape.
- ☐ **Warn** others to stay away from the area.
- ☐ **Call 9-1-1** when you are safe.

Hide



- ☐ **Stay out** of the shooter's view.
- ☐ **Lock and block** entrances and turn off lights.
- ☐ Groups of people should **spread out when hiding**.
- ☐ **Text 9-1-1** and text message others to silently communicate.
- ☐ **Stay in place** until given the all-clear signal.

Silence electronic devices and make sure they don't vibrate.

Devices that buzz or ring will bring attention to places of hiding.

If you are in a
**Manufactured or
Mobile Home**

If you are in a
1- or 2-Story Building

If you are in a
Multistory Building



For all structures

- ☐ stay inside
- ☐ lock and block the doors
- ☐ close blinds
- ☐ turn off all the lights

Fight as a last resort!



- ☐ **Commit to your actions.** Fight. Do not hesitate.
- ☐ **Be prepared** to inflict severe injury to shooter.
- ☐ **Throw objects** or improvise weapons (staplers, scissors, chairs).



Stay in place until law enforcement gives you notice that the danger is over.



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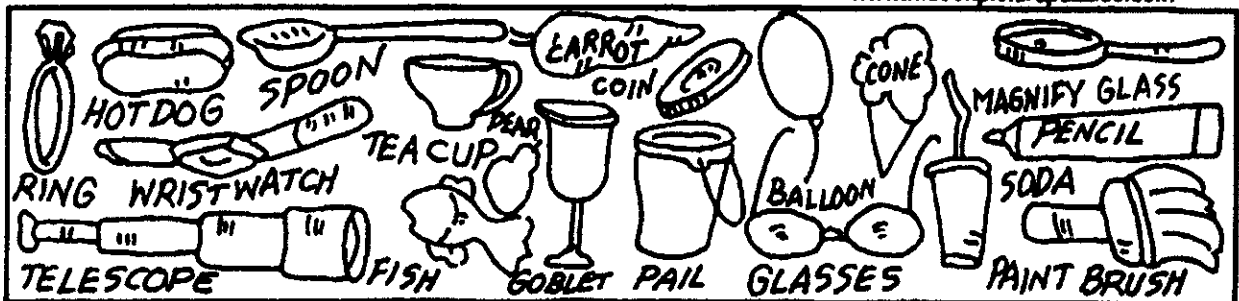
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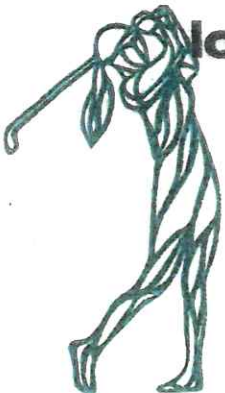
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