



## What is SIP?

“**Shelter In Place**” (SIP) is one of the basic instructions you may receive from public safety officials during a chemical emergency in your community. Sheltering in place offers you and your family immediate protection for a short time in your home.

If you are told to shelter in place, take your children and pets indoors immediately. While gathering your family, you can provide a minimal amount of breathing protection by covering your mouth and nose with a damp cloth.

A chemical emergency may occur anywhere hazardous materials are manufactured, stored, or transported. Chemical plants are obvious sources of potential accidents. Less obvious are highways, railways, and storage containers at places such as swimming pools (chlorine), etc.

The following general information is a guide on how you should act before, during and after an emergency.

The situation in your area may involve unique circumstances. It is imperative that you follow the instructions of your local officials explicitly in the event of a SIP emergency. Contact the Hopewell Emergency Management Office for more details (contact information on the back).



## What do I do?

When you are instructed to shelter in place due to a chemical emergency, you should follow these simple procedures:

- 1. Go inside to the “Shelter Room”.**
- 2. Close, lock, and cover all openings, doors, and windows.**
- 3. Turn off air-conditioning and heating systems.**
- 4. Tune to local radio and TV for more information.**



## What do I need?

A **HOME SIP SUPPLY KIT** should include the following items:

- A copy of this brochure and other emergency numbers.
- First Aid kit.
- Battery operated AM/FM radio.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Bath-size towels. (For wetting and placing at the bottom of doors.)
- Wide tape (i.e. duct tape).
- Plastic sheeting (i.e., drop cloth, window plastic, etc.). Should be pre-cut to the size of the openings that need to be closed off in your shelter room.
- Canned food, other ready-to-eat food, and bottled water.
- Non-electric can opener.

Store your kit in a convenient and secure location known to all family members. Stored water and food should be replaced every six months. Reevaluate your kit and family needs at least once a year and replace batteries, etc.

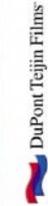


## How do I prepare?

- **Identify** ahead of time all the openings in your house that will need to be closed in the event of a SIP emergency (windows, doors, fireplace dampers, etc.)
- **Determine** how to quickly shut off all air moving equipment in your home to include: heating, air conditioning, exhaust fans, etc.
- **Choose** a room in your home to serve as a "Shelter Room". This should be on the highest level of your house with minimal doors and windows.
- **Assemble** a home SIP kit with the items listed, and store it in your "shelter room". Pre-cut the plastic sheeting to cover windows, air vents and other openings in your "Shelter Room" and label accordingly.
- **Sign-Up** for the City's CodeRED emergency telephone notification system to ensure you will receive SIP messages. You can do so by going to the City's website at: [www.hopewellva.gov](http://www.hopewellva.gov) and clicking on the CodeRED icon, or by calling the Emergency Management office at: 804-541-2298.



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