

Shelter-in-Place

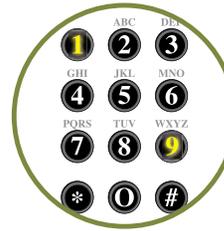
Shelter-in-place is the practice of going or remaining indoors due to the release of an airborne hazardous material. Unless the substance is flammable, like natural gas, emergency response professionals recommend you stay indoors until you receive instructions to leave. Your building can protect you.

Notification

If there is an emergency that puts the public at risk, your local officials will notify you by radio, television, telephone or by coming to your door with instructions.

You can also receive updates by checking www.brampton.ca/prepared or following the Brampton Emergency Measures on Twitter @bemoprepared.

Once you have been informed that there has been a hazardous material release, it may be there will not be enough time to evacuate. The safest, immediate action is to shelter-in-place, while listening for further instructions.



Emergency Preparedness contact:

905.874.2911

beminfo@brampton.ca

www.brampton.ca/prepared

[@bemoprepared](https://twitter.com/bemoprepared)

Alternate formats available upon request.



SHELTER IN PLACE



Learn how to protect yourself
in case of an airborne
hazardous material release.
SHELTER - SHUT - LISTEN

Know the Risks

Follow the shelter-in-place practices if you:

- hear a strange sound like an explosion
- see a vapour cloud
- smell a strange odor
- feel nauseous or have burning eyes

Hazardous chemicals are prevalent in industries, our homes, cars, workplaces and pipelines. If you smell gas or see anything abnormal, report it immediately.

Report Hazardous Spills

Peel Region Emergency Response Team

905.791.7800

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There may be a time when an emergency takes place in Brampton due to a hazardous material release. The outside air quality may be affected to the point that it is not safe to be outside or to evacuate. Shelter-in-place until the wind disperses and moves the material away.

Many goods move through Brampton, the risk of an accident occurring while transporting hazardous materials is significant. If an accident occurs, you may need to shelter-in-place while awaiting further instructions from emergency response officials.

Shelter-in-Place Practices

Things you **SHOULD** and **SHOULD NOT** do when a shelter-in-place advisory is announced:

Shelter

- go or remain indoors
- where possible, shelter in an inside room, away from windows and doors
- do not go outside to investigate
- bring pets inside, if practical
- if your children are at school or daycare, they too will be instructed to remain indoors

Shut

- close all windows and doors - seal the cracks around doors with wide tape and a rolled damp towel and tape a piece of plastic over the window to seal
- turn off furnace, air conditioners, hot water heaters and exhaust systems
- do not use the bathroom or kitchen vents
- do not use fireplaces, close all dampers
- do not use clothes dryers

Listen

- monitor local television, radio, websites and emails for information and updates
- avoid using the telephone, save for emergency calls only

If You are in a Vehicle:

- keep going unless instructed otherwise by authorities
- close all windows and shut all manual vents
- turn off the ventilation system
- turn on the radio for information

If You are Out in the Community:

- if outside, find the closest shelter
- apply the shelter, shut, listen practices

Shelter-in-Place Kit

Prepare

Gather these items in a box to have ready in the case of an emergency:

- plastic for windows
- duct tape
- towel for under door
- commercially processed bottled water and food that will not spoil
- sanitation supplies
- radio, flashlight and extra batteries
- first aid kit that includes prescription medication and toiletries

It is imperative you stay indoors, especially if you see a cloud, vapour or smoke from the hazardous material outdoors. You will be safer inside.

