SOUTH KING FIRE

Sheltering in Place

Sheltering is appropriate when conditions require that you seek protection in your home, where you work or other location when other emergencies arise. The length of time you are required to take shelter may be short but could last multiple days. In all cases, it is important that you stay informed and follow the instructions of local authorities.

Whether you are at home, work or anywhere else you frequent regularly, there may be situations when it's best to stay where you are and avoid any uncertainty outside.

Here are some indicators and steps to take if the situation arises:

- Use available information to assess the situation and determine if there is immediate danger.
- If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authorities say the air is badly contaminated you may want to take this kind of action.

Here are some tips for sheltering in place:

- Local authorities may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do.
- Pay attention to local media outlets for official news and instructions as they become available.
- Bring your family and pets inside.
- Lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers.
- Take your emergency supply kit.
- Go into an interior room with few windows if possible.
- Turn off fans, air conditioning and forced air heating systems.
- Seal all windows, doors and air vents with thick plastic sheeting and duct tape. Consider measuring and cutting the sheeting in advance to save time.
- Cut the plastic sheeting several inches wider than the openings and label each sheet.
- Duct tape plastic sheeting at corners first and then tape down all edges.
- Be prepared to improvise and use what you have on hand to seal gaps so that you create a barrier between yourself and any contamination.

For more information or in person training please fill out a participation request form online at SouthKingFire.Org or email CAO@SouthKingFire.Org

"Sealing a room" is considered a temporary protective measure to create a barrier between you and potentially contaminated air outside. This type of sheltering in place requires pre-planning, by purchasing plastic sheeting and duct tape that you would keep in your emergency supply kit

Plan to Stay Connected

Sign up for free emergency alerts from your local government.

Plan to monitor local weather and news.

Have a backup battery or a way to charge your cell phone.

Have a battery-powered radio during a power outage.

Understand the types of alerts you may receive and plan to respond when you receive them:

A **WATCH** means Be Prepared!

A **WARNING** means Take Action!