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## Evacuation

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### **A decision to evacuate is made to save lives - do not ignore it!**

Take your Grab and Go Bag and follow any additional instructions provided by emergency responders. And remember to take your pets with you!

Evacuation routes are not formally identified because each emergency situation and the response required is unique. The safest route will be identified by emergency responders during the emergency and will depend on the type of emergency incident, location, road capacity, weather, time of day, and other pertinent factors. For your safety, follow the evacuation route advised by the emergency officials. Don't take shortcuts because a shortcut may put you in the path of danger.

## Shelter-in-Place

Sheltering-in-place (SIP) is the practice of going or remaining safely indoors during an outdoor release of a hazardous substance. Sheltering-in-place has been shown to be the most effective response during the first few hours of a substance release where the public would be a higher risk outdoors. The goal of sheltering-in-place is to reduce the movement of air into and out of a building until either the hazard has passed or other emergency actions can be taken.

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During a shelter-in-place emergency:

- Go inside immediately ensuring to bring pets as well.
- Close all doors and windows.
- Shut down furnace, air conditioners, and exhaust fans and vents.
- Close fireplace dampers.
- Retrieve the Shelter-in-place Kit once inside the shelter-in-place room(s).
- Seal any doors, windows, vents with plastics sheeting and tape.
- Place wet towels at base of door(s).
- Monitor media for updates (e.g. radio, cell phones, etc.).
- Go to your pre-designated shelter-in-place room.
- Remain in the pre-designated room until ALL CLEAR has been given by emergency officials.
- If you MUST travel outside, over your nose and mouth with a wet towel.



## Grab and Go Bag

### **Be Ready to Evacuate in Case of Fire, Flood, Environmental or Police Emergency**

- Duffle bag or back pack for kit
- Clothing and footwear
- Phone charger
- Prescription drugs (check dates/ rotate supply), spare glasses
- ID/photos of family
- Personal care items
- Hand sanitizer
- Non-perishable healthy snacks
- Playing cards, Games, iPod, etc.
- Pet bowl, leash and supplies
- Babysupplies and diapers

### **For More Information:**

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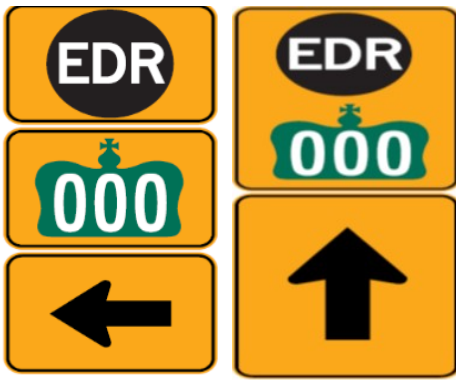
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Emergency Preparedness



### Evacuation Preparedness

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## Shelter-in-Place Preparation

### Before

- Pre-select an interior room/s with the least windows or vents:
  - Storage rooms or large closets
  - Hallways
  - Washrooms
- Avoid rooms with mechanical equipment like ventilation blowers or pipes.
- Room(s) should have adequate space for everyone to be able to sit down.
- Avoid overcrowding by selecting several rooms.
- Ideally, the room should have an adjoining bathroom. For example, master bedroom with en-suite or office with adjoining washroom.

### Prepare a Shelter-in-place Kit:

- Battery-operated AM/FM radio (include batteries or hand-crank).
- Plastic sheeting (Pre-cut to size to cover any windows & doors and labelled).
- Duct tape for sealing cracks around doors and windows.
- Alternate lighting, in the event of a power outage (e.g., candle free lantern, flashlights, headlights (keeps your hands free), batteries, and light-sticks).
- Bottled water for drinking and wet towels.
- Ready to eat, non-perishable snack foods.
- Enough towels to block the bottoms of each door in the room.
- First-aid kit.
- Paper, pens, and a list of important phone numbers.

### Other Important Steps to Take:

- Ensure a hard-wired telephone or cell phone is in the room you selected.
- Consider a laptop or TV for information updates.
- Conduct a shelter-in-place drill with those living in the residence twice a year.
- Check the supplies of the Shelter-in-Place Kit every six months.

