

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO DURING A CHEMICAL EMERGENCY?

Baker 6th Grade Campus



What is a Chemical Emergency?

- La Porte is home to many industrial facilities that produce and/or use various chemicals each day.
- Chemicals are also transported on our highways, in pipelines, and in railcars all across the country.
- Some chemicals which are safe, and even helpful in small amounts, can be harmful in large quantities or under certain conditions. That is why it is important to always be prepared for a chemical emergency.



Do you remember Wally Wise?

- Many of you remember the Wally Wise program from elementary school.
- What was the Wally Wise program about?



Wally Wise Program

The Wally Wise program taught you how to shelter in place during a chemical emergency.



What are the three main steps to sheltering in place?



Shelter in Place Instructions

In case of a chemical emergency:

1. **Go Inside** the nearest home or building. Turn off AC and/or heating systems.
2. **Stay Connected** to local officials for updated information (Phone notifications, City website, Facebook and Twitter, local news, etc.)
3. **Stay off the Phone** and follow instructions from local officials!



Additional Steps

Now that we remember the basics, let's talk about some additional ways to help protect our friends and families during a chemical emergency.



Shelter in Place Kits At School and Home

School – your school has shelter in place kits at designated locations to shelter the school in place.

Only outside entrances to the school will be covered with plastic sheets etc.

Home – your home should have a standard shelter in place kit and the actions on the following slides should be taken.

What is included in an at home kit?



At Home Shelter in Place Kit items

Your **at home** shelter in place kit should include:

- Duct Tape
- Scissors
- Plastic Sheeting
- First Aid Kit
- AM/FM Radio with extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries

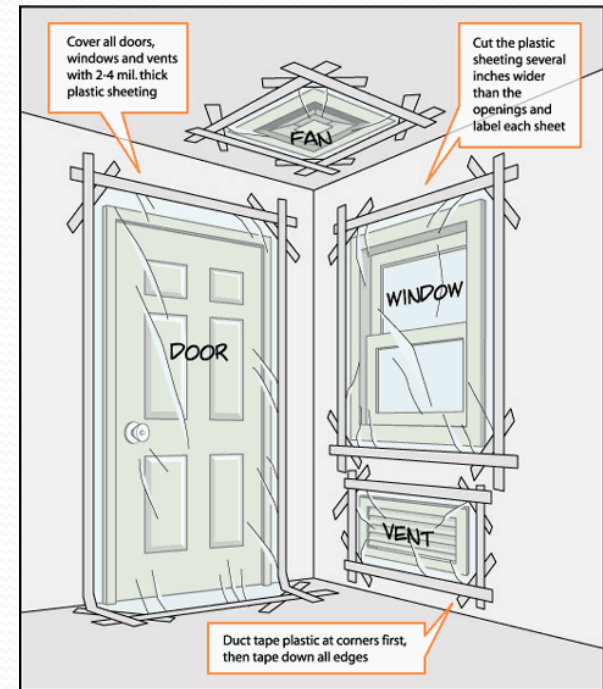


Supplies should be checked every six months and updated, if needed.



How to use your at home Shelter in Place Kit

- Use scissors to cut plastic sheeting.
- Cover all doors, windows and vents with plastic sheeting.
- Use duct tape at corners first, then tape down all edges.
- Stay connected and informed: Turn on the local news for updated information. Visit the City's website at www.laportetx.gov. Follow the City on Facebook and Twitter. Sign up for cell phone alerts from the City.



Note: To better prepare, pre-cut sheeting and label each sheet



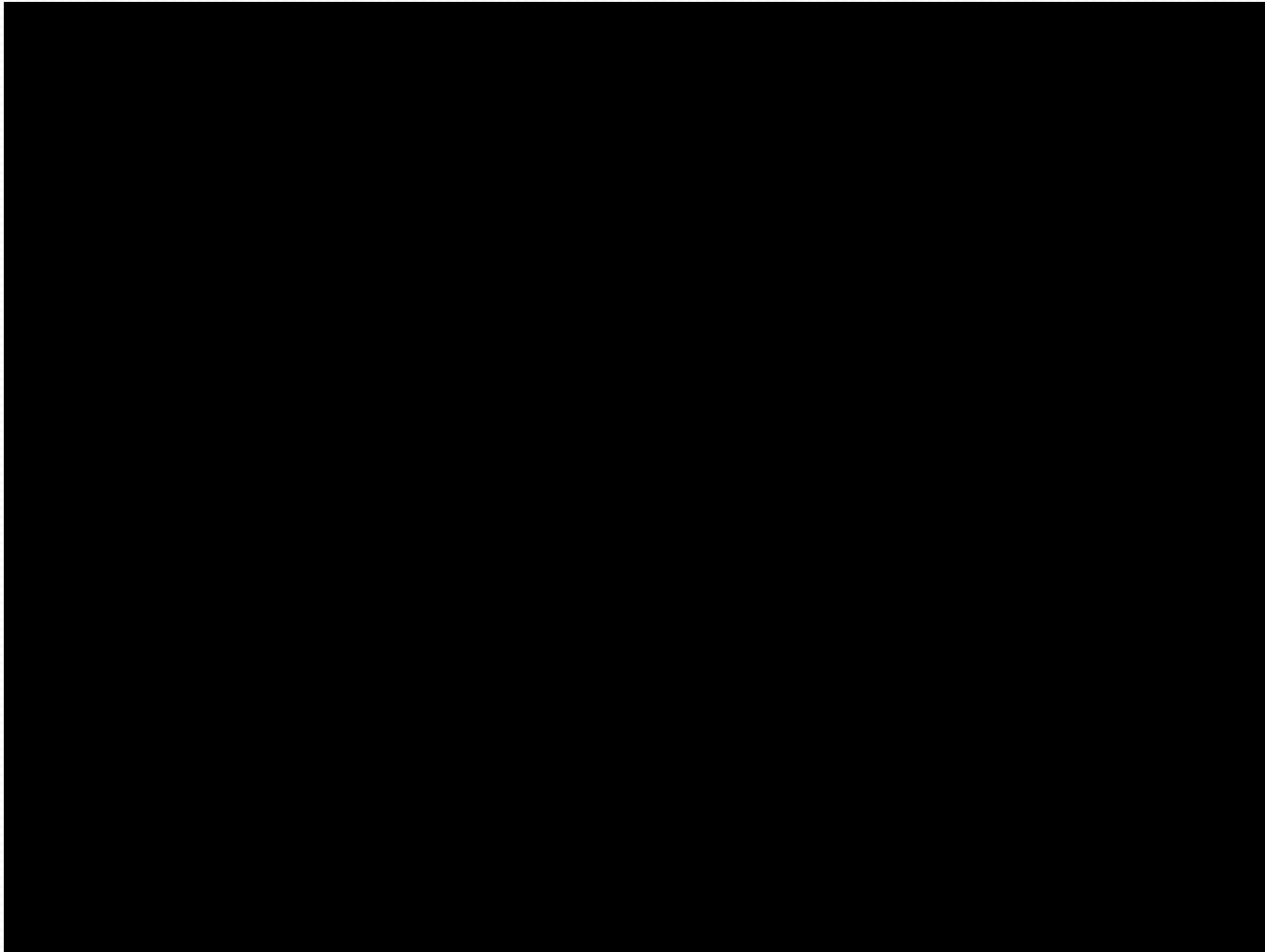
How will you know when to Shelter in Place?

Your school will be notified of a chemical emergency that requires you to shelter in place.

If you hear the outdoor warning sirens or an announcement from your school that you need to shelter in place, go inside immediately and follow the appropriate steps.



Follow the Instructions on this Video to Shelter in
Place at Home or School



If a Chemical Emergency Occurs while you are at School:

- Stay calm.
- LISTEN to your teachers and school faculty, and follow their instructions.
- If you are outside, go inside immediately!
- Once you are gathered inside your classroom, offer to help your teacher as you are instructed.
- Remember, your actions may help protect your teachers and friends!



Review

- What steps should you take during a chemical emergency?
- What items should be included in your Home Shelter in Place Kit?

Share this information with your family. Help your parents create a Shelter in Place Kit at home and discuss what your family would do in the event of a chemical emergency.



Thank You!

The La Porte, Morgan's Point, & Shoreacres Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) thanks you for participating!

As you get older, we hope that you will remember this important information and continue to share it with your loved ones. Thank you!

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