

Shelter-In-Place

Shelter-In-Place is a temporary strategy designed to be used when it is safer to remain inside rather than evacuate to the outside. Severe weather such as tornado warnings, flooding, blizzard conditions and even some hazardous material releases would constitute Shelter-In-Place protective action. The Building/Facility Manager should designate safe places of shelter within their buildings. Shelter areas should be posted and equipped with a phone nearby so that those assembled can be updated on emergency status.

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Michigan State Police - Emergency Management & Homeland Security Division

More Information

<http://www.fema.gov/>

<http://www.ready.gov/>

http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1593_3507---,00.html

Shelter-In-Place Procedure

Ideal shelter areas include:

- Windowless rooms
- Avoid auditoriums, atriums or other areas with large, free-span roofs
- Basements or lower levels
- Interior stairwells
- Above ground floors
- Minimal vents and doors that may have to be sealed

When seeking shelter do the following:

- Go to the nearest building
- Contact 911 to report the situation if other than a weather event
- Close windows and doors
- Shut off air conditioners, furnaces and any other fans that draw outside air into the building
- Monitor radio, television or the national weather service continuously
- Remain in the shelter area until notified that it is safe to leave