



**Purpose**

The Army Emergency Management (EM) program is responsible for all activities and operations related to preparing for, mitigating the potential effect of, preventing, responding to, and recovering from all multi-agency and/or multi-jurisdictional emergencies on or impacting Army installations worldwide. The Army EM Program functions within an all-hazards environment consisting of all natural, technological (man-made), and terrorism hazards.

**Vision**

The vision of the Army EM Program is to provide Army EM services when and where they are needed, with the joint and interagency capacity necessary to effectively and efficiently protect the Army community and mission capability from all hazards.

**Mission**

The mission of the EM Program is to provide integrated and comprehensive Army EM services necessary to protect our community and mission capabilities from all hazards in a cost-effective, implementable, and sustainable manner.

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- LA National Guard Joint Operation Center 888-278-8748
- GOHSEP 225-925-7500
- American Red Cross 1-800-RED-CROSS
- Federal Emergency Management Agency 1-800-621-FEMA
- National Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222
- National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233

**LANG EM WEB Page:**

<http://geauxguard.la.gov/resources/emergency-management/>

**EMERGENCY MANAGER**

This month is Red Cross Month, so you guessed it, our bulletin will focus on the Red Cross but we will also discuss how to Shelter-in-Place.

Every eight minutes, the American Red Cross brings help and hope to people in need, thanks to heroes like you. Whether you donate funds, donate blood or volunteer, we depend on your support to make a difference in communities across the country.



Each year, the president of the United States proclaims March "Red Cross Month." We use this month as a chance to honor and celebrate the everyday heroes who help us fulfill our mission. This March, we encourage you to uncover your inner hero. Be a hero today!

I hope you find this information useful. Always Remember "Be Prepared".

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# MARCH 2017 ...is Red Cross Month

Each year, the president of the United States proclaims March “Red Cross Month”. The Red Cross’ commitment to the military never waivers. It helps members of the military, veterans and their Families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service and has served more than 1 million military Families since 9/11.

Its volunteers provide home comforts and critical services on bases and in military hospitals around the world: support military Families during deployments and emergencies; and continue serving our nation’s veterans after their service ends.

Every March is your chance to be a hero and help the Red Cross fulfill their mission,. This March, uncover your inner hero. Choose one of more of the options below. Be a hero today.

**Sign up for a first aid or CPR training course!** For more information visit [www.cprclass.org/learn/](http://www.cprclass.org/learn/) or call your local American Red Cross chapter, the National Safety Council ([www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)) or American Safety & Health Institute ([www.hsi.com/ashi](http://www.hsi.com/ashi)) to ask about courses.

**Monthly Shopping List**

- Sleeping bags (as appropriate for climate)
- Sleeping pads, foam or inflatable
- Matches or igniter in a waterproof container
- Infant food, diapers, formula, and bottles (if Needed)
- Garbage bags and plastic ties

- **Donate.** Your donation impacts lives. Your donation powers the Red Cross response to nearly 70,000 disasters a year nationwide, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected.

- **Give Blood.** Your donation matters! There is a serious need for all blood types. Please schedule an appointment to donate blood or platelets today.

- **Take a Class.** 10 million people learn emergency skills such as CPR through the Red Cross every year. Consider taking a class so you are prepared in the event of an emergency. Classes are available near you.

- **First Aid.** Prepare for the unexpected with first aid training from the American Red Cross. Classes give you the information and the skills you need to help adults and children during many emergency situations.

- **CPR Training.** American Red Cross CPR training classes give you the information and the skills you need to help adults, children and infants during breathing and cardiac emergencies.

- **AED Certification.** Sudden cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, at any time. With Red Cross AED and CPR training, you can learn when – and how – to use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

- **Volunteer.** Volunteers carry out 90% of the humanitarian work of the Red Cross. Your time and talent can make a real difference in peoples lives.

## American Red Cross Facts

### Did you Know?

An average of 91 cents of every dollar the American Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. Everything we do depends on the needs of people that we serve.

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### Did you Know?

The American Red Cross is a charitable organization, not a government agency. It depends on volunteers and the generosity of people like you to perform our mission.



### Did you Know?

The American Red Cross is part of the world's largest volunteer network found in 187 countries.

“I request that during that month (March) our people rededicate themselves to the splendid aims and activities of the Red Cross.”

--President Franklin D. Roosevelt, first Presidential Proclamation of March as Red Cross Month, 1943



## Replace Your Batteries & Update Disaster Kit

Daylight Savings Time starts on March 12, 2017. We will spring ahead and lose an hour of sleep this time of year. On the bright side, there will be more light in the evening. Did you know that you should change the batteries in your smoke detectors and weather radio twice a year? If you make a habit of doing this when the time changes you will always remember. It is very important to have fresh batteries in these devices in case of a power outage when you would need them to work during a storm or a fire. It is also a good time to refresh your family disaster kit. Change out stored food and water supplies every six months. Re-think your needs every year update your kit as your family's need

Change your clock,



**CHANGE** your batteries





# Shelter-in-Place

## Know How, Know Where



### What Shelter-in-Place Means:

One of the instructions you may be given in an emergency where hazardous materials may have been released into the atmosphere is to shelter-in-place. This is a precaution aimed to keep you safe while remaining indoors. (This is not the same thing as going to a shelter in case of a storm.) Shelter-in-place means selecting a small, interior room, with no or few windows, and taking refuge there. It does not mean sealing off your entire home or office building. If you are told to shelter-in-place, follow the instructions provided in this Fact Sheet.



**Stay tuned for Emergency Alert System (EAS) broadcasts on the radio and TV. They could save your Families lives.**



### Why You Might Need to Shelter-in-Place:

Chemical, biological, or radiological contaminants may be released accidentally or intentionally into the environment. Should this occur, information will be provided by local authorities on television and radio stations on how to protect you and your family. Because information will most likely be provided on television and radio, it is important to keep a TV or radio on, even during the workday. The important thing is for you to follow instructions of local authorities and know what to do if they advise you to shelter-in-place.

### How to Shelter-in-Place

#### At Home:

- Close and lock all windows and exterior doors.
- If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds, or curtains.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.
- Close the fireplace damper.
- Get your family [disaster supplies kit](#) and make sure the radio is working.
- Go to an interior room without windows that's above ground level. In the case of a chemical threat, an above-ground location is preferable because some chemicals are heavier than air, and may seep into basements even if the windows are closed.
- Bring your pets with you, and be sure to bring additional food and water supplies for them.





## How to Shelter-in-Place Continued

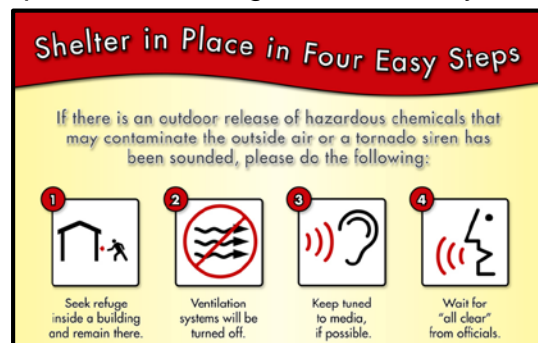
### At Home:

- It is ideal to have a hard-wired telephone in the room you select. Call your emergency contact and have the phone available if you need to report a life-threatening condition. Cellular telephone equipment may be overwhelmed or damaged during an emergency.
- Use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal all cracks around the door and any vents into the room.
- Keep listening to your radio or television until you are told all is safe or you are told to evacuate. Local officials may call for evacuation in specific areas at greatest risk in your community.



### At Work:

- Close the business.
- Bring everyone into the room(s). Shut and lock the door(s).
- If there are customers, clients, or visitors in the building, provide for their safety by asking them to stay – not leave. When authorities provide directions to shelter-in-place, they want everyone to take those steps now, where they are, and not drive or walk outdoors.
- Unless there is an imminent threat, ask employees, customers, clients, and visitors to call their emergency contact to let them know where they are and that they are safe.
- Turn on call-forwarding or alternative telephone answering systems or services. If the business has voice mail or an automated attendant, change the recording to indicate that the business is closed, and that staff and visitors are remaining in the building until authorities advise it is safe to leave.
- Close and lock all windows, exterior doors, and any other openings to the outside.
- If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds, or curtains.
- Have employees familiar with your building's mechanical systems turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems. Some systems automatically provide for exchange of inside air with outside air – these systems, in particular, need to be turned off, sealed, or disabled.
- Gather essential disaster supplies, such as nonperishable food, bottled water, battery-powered radios, first aid supplies, flashlights, batteries, duct tape, plastic sheeting, and plastic garbage bags.
- Select interior room(s) above the ground floor, with the fewest windows or vents. The room(s) should have adequate space for everyone to be able to sit in. Avoid overcrowding by selecting several rooms if necessary. Large storage closets, utility rooms, pantries, copy and conference rooms without exterior windows will work well. Avoid selecting a room with mechanical equipment like ventilation blowers or pipes, because this equipment may not be able to be sealed from the outdoors.





## How to Shelter-in-Place Continued

### At Work:

- It is ideal to have a hard-wired telephone in the room(s) you select. Call emergency contacts and have the phone available if you need to report a life-threatening condition. Cellular telephone equipment may be overwhelmed or damaged during an emergency.
- Use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal all cracks around the door(s) and any vents into the room.
- Write down the names of everyone in the room, and call your business' designated emergency contact to report who is in the room with you, and their affiliation with your business (employee, visitor, client, customer.)
- Keep listening to the radio or television until you are told all is safe or you are told to evacuate. Local officials may call for evacuation in specific areas at greatest risk in your community.



### In Your Vehicle:

- If you are driving a vehicle and hear advice to “shelter-in-place” on the radio, take these steps:
- If you are very close to home, your office, or a public building, go there immediately and go inside. Follow the shelter-in-place recommendations for the place you pick described above.
- If you are unable to get to a home or building quickly and safely, then pull over to the side of the road. Stop your vehicle in the safest place possible. If it is sunny outside, it is preferable to stop under a bridge or in a shady spot, to avoid being overheated.
- Turn off the engine. ? Close windows and vents.
- If possible, seal the heating/air conditioning vents with duct tape.
- Listen to the radio regularly for updated advice and instructions.
- Stay where you are until you are told it is safe to get back on the road. Be aware that some roads may be closed or traffic detoured. Follow the directions of law enforcement officials.

**Local officials on the scene are the best source of information for your particular situation. Following their instructions during and after emergencies regarding sheltering, food, water, and clean up methods is your safest choice.**

Remember that instructions to shelter-in-place are usually provided for durations of a few hours, not days or weeks. There is little danger that the room in which you are taking shelter will run out of oxygen and you will suffocate.