Shelter-in-Place:
Human Threats

What is Shelter-in-Place?

If it is not safe to evacuate, then shelter-in-place. This means staying where you are and controlling the urge to move about. There are two types of situations during which sheltering in place may be the safer alternative: human threats and natural hazards.

In the event of a human threat, stay calm and refrain from moving about. Take one or all the following actions to shelter in place:

- Stay in place and avoid the urge to check things out. Wait until authorities declare the “all clear.”
- Seek shelter in a building which is not affected.
- Seek shelter in interior room.
- Turn off lights.
- Lower blinds.
- Move away from doors/windows to an inconspicuous location.
- Silence cell phones.
- Lock doors/Use “Break Glass” device.
- Report relevant incident information, if safe to do so.
- If appropriate/safe, contact Dept. Chair/supervisor with any changes in status.

Special Instructions

Remain informed via the Everbridge notification system. In the event of a human threat, consider the Run-Hide-Fight principle:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0