

Shelter-in-Place:

Natural Hazards



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: natural hazards and human threats.



If a **natural hazard** makes it unsafe to evacuate, stay calm and take one or all the following actions to shelter-in-place:

- Stay away from the affected campus until the “all clear” from authorities.
- Seek shelter in a building which is not affected.
- Take cover in a basement or interior room.
- Move away from doors/windows.
- If possible, disable HVAC system.
- If outdoors, move to a safe indoor location.
- Remain calm and patient, until authorities declare the “all clear.”
- If appropriate/safe, maintain contact Dept. Chair/supervisor.

Special Instructions

Remain informed via the Everbridge notification system.