Sheltering in Place
Sheltering in place will depend on the emergency situation, but in general you should:
1. Get inside
2. Find a safe spot
3. Stay put

Seal the room: A process that creates a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside.
- Bring family and pets inside.
- Lock doors and close windows.
- Turn off fans, air conditioning, and forced air heating systems.
- Seal all windows, doors and vents with thick plastic sheeting and duct tape.

Mass Care Shelter
Mass care shelters are not always activated during an emergency. Be prepared to find alternative shelter with family, neighbors, or in a hotel.

• Mass care shelters often provide water, food and medicine and basic sanitary facilities, but you should still plan to take a disaster supply kit.
• To avoid conflict in this stressful living situation, it is important to cooperate with shelter managers.
• Most care shelters will not allow pets. Make a plan for a pet shelter.

Disaster Specifics
Tornado: shelter room should be in a basement or an interior room on lowest level that is away from corners, windows, doors, and exterior walls.

Flood: evacuate before the flood arrives. If you wait to evacuate, you could get caught in the hazard.

Earthquake: once shaking has stopped, go outside. Do not return until building is deemed safe for entry.

Tips
• Watch TV, listen to radio, or check the internet often for official information and instructions.
• The duration of time you are required to shelter can vary greatly. It is important that you stay in shelter until local authorities say it is safe to leave.

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