

Shelter-In-Place

The two decisions facing you are: whether to **STAY** or to **GO**. **MORE OFTEN**, it is safer to stay where you are, providing your building or vehicle is safely intact.

Your home, your business, your school, your car — these all give reliable protection.

More often you will want to Shelter-In-Place initially — making the premises as safe and air tight as possible. Then check information sources to verify your initial decision. But be ready to go if you decide it is right or if officials announce evacuation.

DO NOT GO OUTSIDE to see what happened.

Instead, remain where you are. Trust your common sense and your five senses: seeing, smelling, hearing, tasting, and feeling.

Seek information to verify your decision whether to stay or go.

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1. Go inside. Stay Inside.
2. Close windows & doors.
3. Turn off AC/Heater.
4. Listen to TV/Radio.
5. Do NOT call 911 for information.



Evacuate the Area

At certain times the threats of danger could call for an evacuation. You may decide for yourself to **GO** based on your own common sense plus your five senses. Responders also may ask you to evacuate.

When you **GO**, be sure you know your destination in advance and know how to get there.

Follow directions from officials.

No short cuts, please.

Have an alternate destination.

No wandering about.

Emergency Safety Kit

Have a small box ready to go and filled with these items:

- ▶ County map
- ▶ Eyeglasses
- ▶ First Aid Kit
- ▶ Flashlight
- ▶ Hearing aid
- ▶ Non-perishable snacks
- ▶ Plastic trash bags
- ▶ Prescription drugs
- ▶ Small container of water
- ▶ Small radio
- ▶ Towel
- ▶ Wide tape, etc.



Responders need your cooperation.
Stay out of their way.

It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to become informed and make a Personal Safety Plan. **HAVE IT IN PLACE FOR INSTANT ACTION.** You need to use your common sense **PLUS** your five sense to assess the danger — and then act according to your Personal Safety Plan.

Be ready to **STAY** and/or ready to **GO**. It's up to you. Decide which is best and do it.

DO NOT CALL 911 FOR INFORMATION

Together, we can work and act for your ultimate safety. It's a complicated world out there.

Let's work together to make it a safe one.

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Be Prepared for Chemical Emergencies



Remember:
Chemicals are everywhere.

In an emergency should you Shelter-in-place or Go?

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Chemicals Are Everywhere



Two Types of Chemicals

There are two types of Chemicals.

FLAMMABLES — This type can explode or produce violent flames.



CORROSIVES — They quickly become gaseous and can dangerously irritate nose, eyes, throat and air passages.

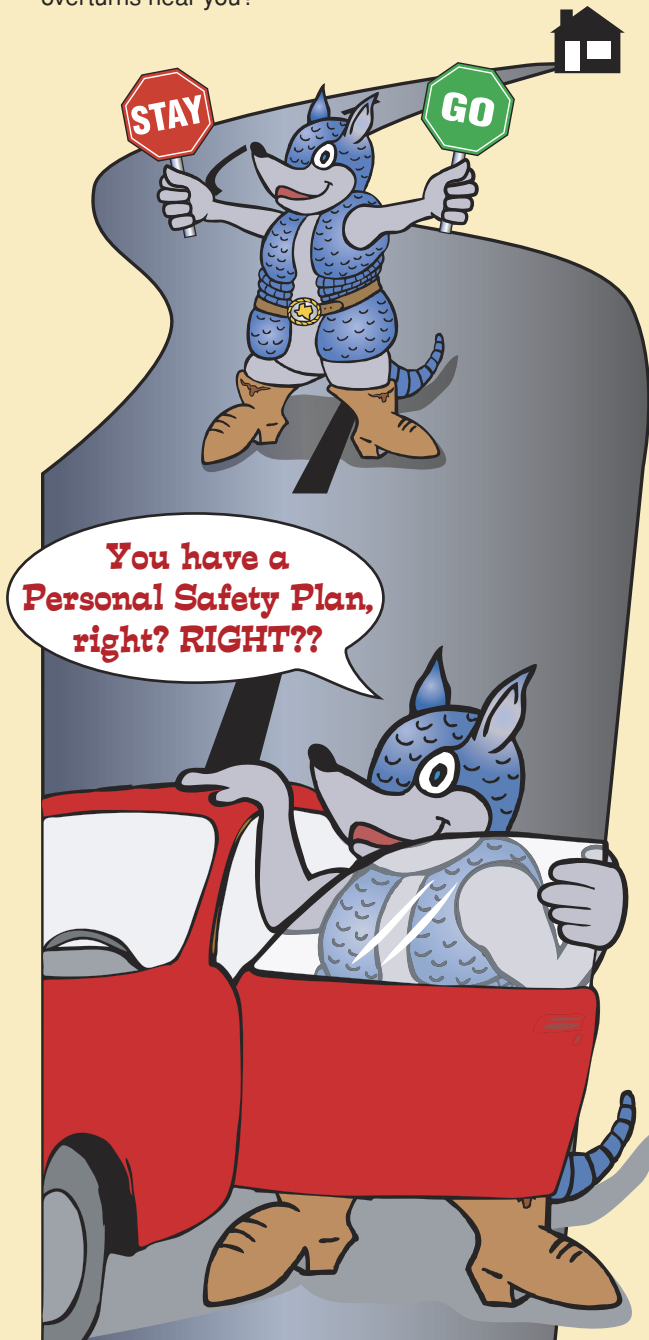


You need to be ready for both **flammables** and **corrosives**.

Remember: While many chemicals have strong odors and are visible, some are harder to detect. Be alert to both types and use all of your senses.

Transportation Threats

Chemical hazards can be anywhere. They demand your constant awareness, respect and knowledge. Railroads, highways, pipelines or waterways are everywhere. What if a huge transportation tank truck skids, jackknifes and overturns near you?



Personal Safety Plan

A Personal Safety Plan is whatever preparation it takes to keep your family safe. Always have a plan in mind. Build on your own common sense. Just as you act instinctively when an emergency occurs, you need to think defensively and plan ahead for chemical emergencies.

There are two basic choices:



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STAY in your car, home or business.

Go inside and stay inside.

Close all windows and doors.

Turn off AC/Heater.



Evacuate the Area

If you decide to GO or are told to do so by an official.

Follow your own Personal Safety Plan.

Get your Safety Kit.

Decide where you are going and go directly there.

The choice is yours. You have already thought ahead for tornados and house fires – just include chemical dangers in your planning.

It helps to be prepared!

So plan ahead. It's your responsibility to make a personal safety plan for yourself and your loved ones.

Stay Alive With All Five!

Use your senses

A big part of your Personal Safety Plan is figuring out what you would do if you:

- **See** See a gas cloud hugging the ground
- **Smell** Smell a sharp odor
- **Hear** Hear an explosion
- **Taste** Taste some bitter gas
- **Feel** "Feel" or sense chemical danger



Since the potential dangers of chemicals are everywhere, arm yourself with knowledge and use your five senses.