Fact Sheet:

In Case of Emergency...

How to shelter in Place

Stay informed

Listen to local news sources, visit www.cnmihsem.gov.mp or cal (670) 237—8000 or (670) 664—8000 for the latest information. Keep a radio with you at all times.
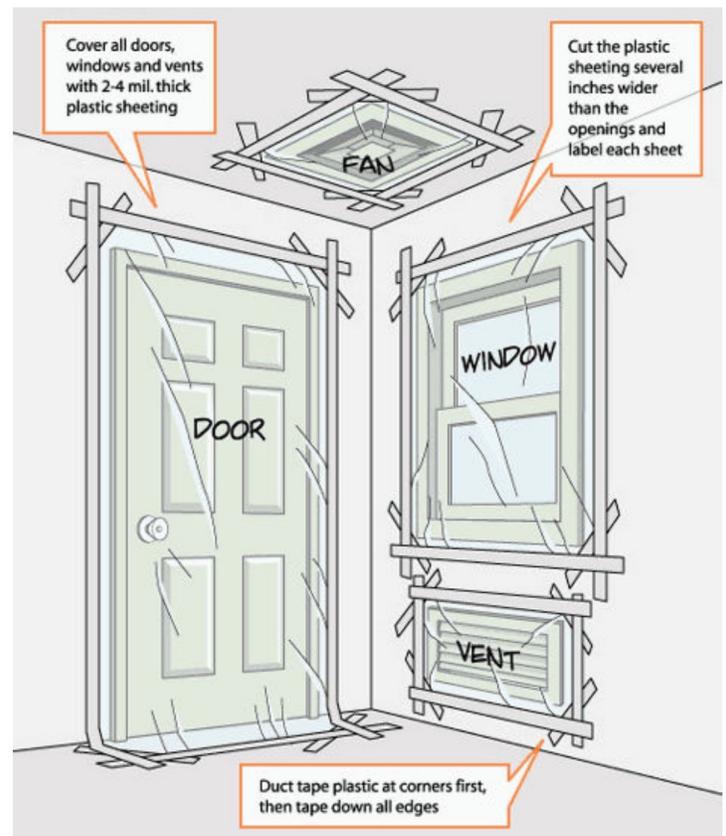
What is Shelter in Place?

- Sheltering in place is an easy way to keep people safe during an emergency situation.

- Shelter-in-place means going to a small, interior room, with no or few windows during the emergency.

- It does not mean sealing off your entire home or office building.

Why you may need to shelter in place?

- Shelter in place is the best way to protect people during emergency situations that might include chemical, biological, or radiological contaminants in the environment.

- Make sure all family members know where the shelter room is and what it is for.

- Keep your emergency kit and supplies in the designated room.

...STAY WHERE YOU ARE...

Cover all doors, windows and vents with 2-4 mil. thick plastic sheeting

Cut the plastic sheeting several inches wider than the openings and label each sheet

FAN

WINDOW

DOOR

VENT

Duct tape plastic at corners first, then tape down all edges

If you are at home and told to shelter in place

- Close and lock all windows and doors going outside. Shut your typhoon shutters if you have time.
- If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds, or curtains.
- Turn off all fans and air conditioning systems.
- Get your family kit and a working battery-powered radio.
- Go to an interior room without windows.
- Bring your pets with you. Be sure to bring additional food and water supplies for them.
- Keep a phone with you at all times, preferably a landline.
- Use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal cracks around the door and any vents into the room.
- Keep listening to your radio or TV until you are told all is safe or you are told to evacuate.

If you are at work and told to shelter in place

- Close the business. Bring everyone inside. Shut and lock doors to the outside. Close and lock all the windows. If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds, or curtains.
- If there are customers, clients, or visitors in the building, ask them to stay—not to leave.