



# SHELTERING IN PLACE – A GREAT WAY TO STAY SAFE

What would you do if there were a fire in your building? Sheltering in place may be the best way to stay safe for people who have difficulty evacuating their homes. Sheltering in place is simple:

## Make a Plan



- Check to see if your home has fire sprinklers - the risk of dying in a home fire decreases by 81% when the home is equipped with a fire sprinkler system\*.
- Think about where you will go in your building – choose a location with a window so you can be easily assisted during an emergency.
- Always sleep with your door closed to prevent fire or smoke from entering your room.
- Talk to people around you and make sure they understand your plan – where you will go during an emergency, what you will do when you get there, and what everyone else will do.

## Take Action



- Know where you are in the building and in the unit – the fire department needs this information to assist you.
- When an alarm goes off, call 9-1-1 and report information about your location to the dispatcher. Follow the instructions of the dispatcher.
- Close doors to block smoke from coming into the room.
- Keep your phone on and near you.

## Shelter in Place



Stay at the location that you reported to 9-1-1 and wait for assistance unless you are in imminent danger. If you change locations, call 9-1-1 and report your new location.

***Make sure you review your plan every month!***

\*Ahrens, M. 2017. *US Experience with Sprinklers*. National Fire Protection Association. Retrieved from <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/News-and-Research/Fire-statistics-and-reports/Suppression/ossprinklers.pdf>.



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