

## Shelter in Place Warning (SPW)

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A warning of an event where the public is recommended to immediately shelter in place (go inside, close doors and windows, turn off air conditioning or heating systems, and turn on the radio or TV for more information). Examples include the release of hazardous materials where toxic fumes or radioactivity may affect designated areas.

SAMPLE

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### Emergency Alert System Elements

<b>Originator Code (ORG):</b>	CIV	Civil Authority
<b>Event Code (EEE):</b>	SPW	Shelter in Place Warning
<b>Location Codes (PSSCCC):</b>	PSSCCC	Locations included in alert area
<b>Duration (HHMM):</b>	0300	3 Hours

### Common Alerting Protocol Elements

**Category:** Safety  
**Event:** Shelter in Place Warning  
**Response Type:** Shelter

**Urgency:**  Immediate     Expected     Future     Past     Unknown  
**Severity:**  Extreme     Severe     Moderate     Minor     Unknown  
**Certainty:**  Observed     Likely     Possible     Unlikely     Unknown

### Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) Text (90 characters or less including spaces):

Description of the hazard Location of the emergency Recommended action (urgency) Expected expiration if known	Severe <i>[Event/Hazard]</i> seen in <i>[Short Area/City/County/State]</i> . Shelter-in-Place Now!
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### Computer Headline (140/160 characters or less including spaces):

Recommended action (urgency) Description of hazard Location of emergency Expected expiration if known	Immediate shelter in place advised due to severe <i>[Event/Hazard]</i> occurring in the <i>[Area/City/County/State]</i> area
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### Description (Instruction + Description should be 1500 characters or less and under 200 words):

Lead sentence briefly stating the official source, hazard and location.	The <i>[Official Government Agency]</i> has issued an immediate Shelter in Place Warning because a severe <i>[Event/Hazard]</i> occurring in the <i>[Area/City/County/State]</i> area.
Why do people need to act?	At <i>[Incident Time]</i> <i>[Day]</i> , <i>[Describe the incident, hazard and its consequences]</i> .
Where is the emergency taking place?	This warning impacts people in <i>[Area/City/County/State]</i> including <i>[Describe location by reference to obvious geographic features, such as roads and rivers, rather than with abstract descriptions such as a one-mile radius of some intersection. The preferred method of describing the area should use compass directions and neighborhood and landmark names where appropriate.]</i> .  People in other areas of <i>[Area/City/County]</i> are not impacted at this time.

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**Instruction (Instruction + Description should be 1500 characters or less and under 200 words):**

<p>What should people do?</p>          <p>When do people need to act? (next update, expiration)</p>          <p>Closing.</p>	<p>In the warning area, you should immediately bring everyone and pets inside. If in a vehicle, stay inside the vehicle.</p> <p>Shelter-in-place by doing the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Shut and lock all outside doors and windows.</li><li>2. Turn off heating, air-conditioning, and fans that draw in outside air.</li><li>3. Go to an inner room; preferably one without windows.</li></ol> <p>People not in the warning area should avoid the area.</p> <p>Shelter-In-Place now! Stay in your shelter until further notice. This message will be updated in 3-hours, or sooner if needed.</p> <p>For more information, check <a href="http://www.[Official Web Site].gov">www.[Official Web Site].gov</a>, or tune to local news media. Please do not call [9 1 1], except for a serious emergency.</p>
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<b>Originator Code (ORG):</b>	CIV	Civil Authority
<b>Event Code (EEE):</b>	SPW	Shelter in Place Warning
<b>Location Codes (PSSCCC):</b>	008101	Pueblo County, CO
<b>Duration (HHMM):</b>	0300	3 Hours

### Common Alerting Protocol Elements

**Category:** CBRNE  
**Event:** Shelter in Place Warning  
**Response Type:** Shelter

**Urgency:**  Immediate     Expected     Future     Past     Unknown  
**Severity:**  Extreme     Severe     Moderate     Minor     Unknown  
**Certainty:**  Observed     Likely     Possible     Unlikely     Unknown

### Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) Text (90 characters or less including spaces):

Description of the hazard Location of the emergency Recommended action (urgency) Expected expiration if known	[Test] Chemical Depot emergency in Pueblo CSEPP Zones S1&S2. Shelter-in-Place Now!
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### Computer Headline (140/160 characters or less including spaces):

Recommended action (urgency) Description of hazard Location of emergency Expected expiration if known	[Test] Immediate shelter in place advised due to Pueblo Chemical Depot emergency in Pueblo County CSEPP Zones S1 and S2
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### Description (Instruction + Description should be 1500 characters or less and under 200 words):

Lead sentence briefly stating the official source, hazard and location.  Why do people need to act?  Where is the emergency taking place?	[This is a test.] The Pueblo County Sheriff has issued an immediate Shelter in Place Warning because a release of mustard agent at the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Pueblo County, Colorado.  Due to the expected health effects of these chemicals, emergency officials are recommending everyone within C-S-E-P-P Zones S1 and S2 to immediately shelter-in-place. This impacts the following communities: North Avondale, Avondale, and Boone in southern Pueblo County.  Other areas, including the City of Pueblo, are not impacted at this time.
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### Instruction (Instruction + Description should be 1500 characters or less and under 200 words):

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<p>When do people need to act? (next update, expiration)</p> <p>Closing.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Close and lock all outside doors and windows.</li><li>2. Turn off heating, air-conditioning, and fans that draw in outside air.</li><li>3. Go to an inner, above ground room; preferably one without windows.</li></ol> <p>Schools are implementing their emergency plans. Parents should not attempt to pick up students at school. Parents will be notified via media where to meet their children.</p> <p>People not in the warning area should avoid the area.</p> <p>Shelter-In-Place now! Stay in your shelter until further notice. This message will be updated in 3-hours, or sooner if needed.</p> <p>For more information, check <a href="http://www.PuebloEmergency.info">www.PuebloEmergency.info</a>, or tune to local news media. Please do not call 9 1 1, except for a serious emergency.</p> <p>[This is only a test.]</p>
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**Note:** This sample alert is based on emergency preparedness exercises by the FEMA Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program. This sample alert reflects only partial information would be available at the time, and that initial reports are not 100% accurate. This was only an exercise, and no chemical release occurred at the Pueblo Chemical Depot.

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<b>Originator Code (ORG):</b>	CIV	Civil Authority
<b>Event Code (EEE):</b>	SPW	Shelter in Place Warning
<b>Location Codes (PSSCCC):</b>	027001	Aitkin county, MN
<b>Duration (HHMM):</b>	0600	6 Hours

### Common Alerting Protocol Elements

**Category:** Safety  
**Event:** Shelter in Place Warning  
**Response Type:** Shelter

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### Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) Text (90 characters or less including spaces):

Description of the hazard	[Test] Chlorine Gas in air
Location of the emergency	in southwest Aitkin Co.
Recommended action (urgency)	Take Shelter Now
Expected expiration if known	until 4:30PM

### Computer Headline (140/160 characters or less including spaces):

Recommended action (urgency)	[Test] Shelter in Place warning
Description of hazard	due to chlorine gas release
Location of emergency	in southwest Aitkin County
Expected expiration if known	until 2:00 am

### Description (Instruction + Description should be 1500 characters or less and under 200 words):

Lead sentence briefly stating the official source, hazard and location.	[This is a test.] The Aitkin County Sheriff's Office has issued a Shelter-In-Place Warning - IMMEDIATELY - at 2:15 pm, an explosion occurred at the Tyson Chemical processing plant in the city of Arlington, in southwest Aitkin county. This explosion has caused a release of chlorine gas which is extremely hazardous to human health if inhaled or comes in contact with human skin. Vapors from this chlorine gas release may not be visible and can cause serious adverse health effects with very little notice. State hazardous materials technicians are closely monitoring the situation. The emergency alert system has been activated to advise people in the immediate are surrounding the Tyson Chemical Processing Plant in Arlington, Shelter in Place IMMEDIATELY. Do not attempt to evacuate at this time because you will risk greater exposure by going outside than if you remain indoors. The Shelter in Place zone consists of an area 5 miles around the Tyson Chemical Processing Plant in Arlington. This area is bounded by George Washington High School on the West, Colts Sports Arena on the North, Kilmer
Why do people need to act?	
Where is the emergency taking place?	

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	Middle School on the East and Ryan Performing Arts Center on the South. If you are within this area, you should Shelter in Place IMMEDIATELY.
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**Instruction (Instruction + Description should be 1500 characters or less and under 200 words):**

What should people do?	Detailed sheltering instructions have been provided to Arlington area broadcast Radio and Television stations.
When do people need to act? (next update, expiration)	Please seek out additional information on the county web site <a href="http://WWW.CO.AITKIN.MN.US">WWW.CO.AITKIN.MN.US</a>
Closing.	[This concludes this test.]

**Note:** This sample alert is based on an example from the Minnesota Public Alerting Authorities: Best Practice Guide.

[https://dps.mn.gov/entity/secb/committees/Documents/Integrated%20Public%20Alert%20Warning%20System%20\(IPAWS\)%20Committee/mn-ipaws-public-alerting-authority-best-practices-guide-nov-2015.pdf](https://dps.mn.gov/entity/secb/committees/Documents/Integrated%20Public%20Alert%20Warning%20System%20(IPAWS)%20Committee/mn-ipaws-public-alerting-authority-best-practices-guide-nov-2015.pdf)