



# How to Create a Shelter During or After a Disaster

This is how to create a shelter in your basement or part of the house, and also how to survive in the shelter.

## Steps

- 1 The first thing to do is to select a section of your basement or house that has no windows or openings.**  
After selecting the location clear it out of any objects and start to build your shelter. There are many ways to build a shelter, the best way is to use a corner of the basement that doesn't have any windows. In this corner of the basement make your shelter a minimum of 15x15, build the shelter out of any strong material the best being concrete block. Close of the corner of the basement by building a corner shaped wall making this into a room. You will need to make a door that is strong enough to keep people or animals out. Make this door out of steel. Another thing that you will need is a vent for fresh air and a vent for exhaust. Make sure that this shelter also has its own roof above it not just the floor studs and beams.
- 2 If you have time install a bunk bed into this shelter and shelves for storage, also be aware of any pipes that might be in this area of the basement , you don't want your shelter to flood out if there is a disaster and the pipes break.**
- 3 The next thing to do is to stock this shelter with food, water, clothing, blankets, matches, candles, can opener, and guns and ammo along with any other thing that you may think would be important to your survival.**
- 4 Now if you don't have time to build a shelter and a disaster has just happened you need to get you and your family in the basement and any food and clothing that you can grab.** Start by finding plastic or blankets and creating a wall and ceiling out of these to protect you from radiation or any object. After creating your "safe room" calm everyone down and start to inventory what you have.
- 5 Now that you are in this "shelter" it may be days or weeks or even months that you might have to stay in this shelter, get comfortable and move things around to make more room.** human waste needs to be bagged and removed from the shelter immediately. conserve your water and food. Always find ways to improve your shelter and fortify your area.

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