

# What To Do In Case Of An Emergency/Disaster



**This information is to help you  
prepare for and respond to an  
emergency.  
Be responsible, take action**



# In case of evacuation...

- Listen for any information and directions to follow. Do not remain in the affected area for any reason, leave!!! And always carry with you an emergency supply kit.



# In case of evacuation...

- Ensure no one is hurt
- Tune in to your radio
- Shut off water, gas and electricity.
- Phone calls for emergency only.
- Avoid driving
- Keep important documents in a waterproof pouch.
- Always carry a water proof ID with you.



# In Case Of Flood...Prepare Now

- Know broadcast danger signals.
- Have a battery-powered radio.
- Investigate if your home is in a flood area.
- Stock plywood to seal windows.
- Purchase flood insurance.
- Make an evacuation plan.



# In Case Of Flood... Act Now

- Tune in to your radio
- Avoid walking and swimming in flood areas
- Tie down outdoor furniture
- Shut water and electricity
- Avoid sandbags outside your door (they add pressure)
- Stay away from power lines
- Avoid drinking tap water
- Carry stuff to upper story



# In Case of Hurricane ... Prepare Now

- Know your emergency broadcast
- Have a battery powered radio within reach
- Know your broadcast danger signals
- Purchase flood insurance
- Have an evacuation plan
- Stock plywood to seal windows and doors.
- Cut off tree branches near your house
- Stock can food and drinking water and extra groceries.



# In Case of Hurricane... Act Now

- Tune your TV/radio emergency broadcast
- Tie down outdoor furniture
- Shut water and electricity
- Seal doors and windows with plywood
- Provide your pets with plenty of food/water.
- If indoors, stay away from windows and doors.
- Stay away from wires
- Do not drive your car





# In Case of an Earthquake...

## Prepare Now

- Perform earthquake drills
- Be ready for after shocks, tsunamis in beach areas.
- Place fasteners on cabinets
- Tie up shelves, water heaters, large appliances to walls.
- Secure overhead lighting and ceiling fans.
- Reposition beds away from glass windows, glass framed pictures and mirrors.
- Have a flashlight handy



# In Case of an Earthquake ... Act Now

- Get under a table or door frame until earthquake stops.
- If you are inside, stay inside, and if outside, stay outside.
- Stay away from buildings, street lights, and wires.
- Do not take the elevators
- If driving pull over, never under the bridge.
- Remain inside the vehicle



# In case of Tornado... Prepare Now

- Tune in to your radio station
- Have a battery powered radio.
- Know weather warning signals
- Prepare the basement as a shelter
- Learn an evacuation routine
- Eliminate tree branches around your house
- Locate shelters around your area.



# In Case of Tornado... Act Now

- Contact 911 if you see cone-shaped clouds.
- Tune your emergency broadcast
- Get shelter in the basement
- Keep away from windows and doors.
- Drop under a table
- If outside, lie flat in a trench



# In Case of a Winter Storm...

## Prepare Now

- Learn weather warning signals
- Store winter coats, blankets, and flashlights handy.
- Have extra batteries, food and water.
- Obtain an indoor emergency heater.
- Stock fuel for car and install snow tires.
- Learn about car brakes, what to do if you skid.
- Identify your emergency radio station
- Learn about wind chill, frostbite and hypothermia.



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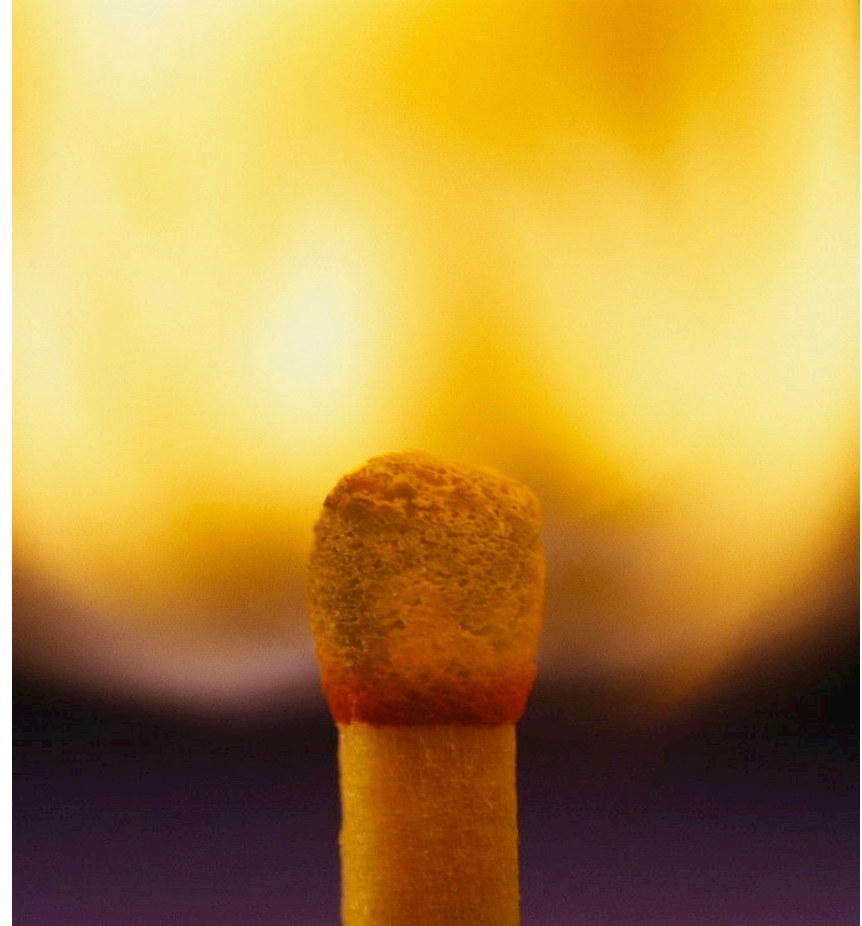
# In Case of a Winter Storm ... Act Now

- Do not go out, stay indoors.
- Tune your emergency radio station.
- Have batteries and flashlights handy.
- Wear warm, layered clothing.
- Inspect for frostbite, and hypothermia
- Let faucets drip to keep from freezing.
- Do not use charcoal or gas grills indoors (monoxide)
- If driving, stay in main roads.
- Use hazard signals if driving
- If trapped in the car, run engine and heater 10 min. each hour.
- Maintain hydrated, drink fluids.
- Stay warm with blankets, newspapers, seat covers, floor mats, etc.
- At night time: keep your dome light on so you can be seen.



# In Case of Fire... Prepare Now

- Have an easy to reach extinguisher on every floor.
- Store dangerous flammable materials in a safe place.
- Install smoke detectors on every floor.
- Perform fire drills and have two emergency exit routes.
- Never go in a burning building.
- Check on all windows to see if they open.
- Make your address visible for fire trucks to find you easily.
- Inspect and check chimneys yearly.
- Do not overload electrical circuits.
- Get some training from the fire dept.



# In Case of Fire... Act Now

- Get out of a burning building FAST.
- Call the fire department immediately.
- Warn others. Pull fire alarm if any.
- Small fires: use extinguisher, baking soda or pan lid.
- Touch door knobs before opening. If hot find another exit.
- If smoke or heat, crawl.
- If fire on clothes: Stop, Drop and Roll.
- Take the stairs, avoid the elevator.





# In Case of Lightning... Prepare Now

- Stay indoors until it is safe.
- Have a professional install lightning rods on home.



# In Case of Lightning... Act Now

- Stay indoors
- Do not touch or use any electrical appliances, faucets, showers, phone, or electrical equipment.
- Avoid steel reinforced buildings and metal.
- Avoid structures in open areas, hilltops, beaches or water.
- Forest: stay low under a low dense tree.
- Boat: go ashore
- Car: stay in it until storm passes
- Open area: stay low and crouch
- Do not bunch up with other people, spread out.
- If hair stands on end, kneel, bend forward, and put hands on knees.



Tri-Valley Herald / Travis Lindquist, via AP

# In Case of Hazardous Materials...

## Prepare Now

- Be familiar with your local radio station
- Recognize warning signs of hazardous materials occurrence.
- Find Out if hazardous materials are manufactured, stored, or shipped near you.
- Renovate seals around windows, doors, and basements.



# In Case of Hazardous Materials... Act Now

- Rush to call 911
- Tune your radio or TV emergency broadcast.
- Take family and pets inside.
- Change clothes, leave old clothes and shoes outside.
- Close all doors and windows.
- Do not eat or drink anything uncovered.



# In Case of Hazardous Materials ... Seek Shelter

- Turn all electrical appliances off: fan, dryer, heating-air conditioning.
- Shut fireplace damper
- Close curtains and blinds
- Move to the room with fewest windows and doors
- Always carry an emergency supply kit
- Seal doors, windows and air vents with plastic bags until radio announces safety or to evacuate



# Emergency Readiness and National Security

- By assuring supplies such as adequate drinking water, nutritional foods, and essential medications, families can help maintain their health and well-being throughout an emergency.



# Emergency Readiness and National Security

- It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to prepare your family members before an emergency by contacting your local emergency authorities, Red Cross or Fire Dept.



# Source: Environmental, Health and Security

