

# ILRC DISASTER & EMERGENCIES

# 4 Steps to Emergency Preparedness for All

The Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) is working in partnership with the Center on Disability and Listos California.





# Step 1: Find Your Five Trusted Allies and Share Your Plan

Identify five people who will become your trusted allies during a disaster or emergency. Your five trusted allies are people that will check on you and that you can communicate with before, during, and after a disaster or emergency so that they know you are safe or if you need help. Your list of five people should have complete contact information with phone numbers, email and street addresses. In some disasters or emergencies, phones may not be working. In that case, try to make contact through email, text, social media, or in-person.

Do not depend on only one person. People work different shifts, take vacations and are not always available. Make sure some of the people on your list live close to you and have at least one person who lives out of the area.

When you are creating your contact list of trusted allies, ask each person the best way to contact them. Explain what you are asking them to do for you during an emergency or disaster. Make sure they understand and agree.

#### **ACTIONS:**

#### Create your list of Five trusted allies:

- Include as many different ways to contact each person as possible: phone numbers, emails, and addresses.
- Contact each person in your group of allies and get their agreement.
- Keep your list updated.

#### Use it:

- Make several copies of your list. Keep them where it will be easy to find. For example on your refrigerator, inside the front door, in your purse or wallet, in your car glove box, saved in your mobile phone or on another electronic device, etc.
- Share a copy with each member of your group of allies.
- Put a copy in a sealed plastic bag in each of your emergency supply kits (go bag, car kit, keep it with you kit, etc.)
- Check in with your trusted allies often, especially on Red Flag Warning days.

# Step 2: Prioritize Your Health Needs and Create Lists

These are lists of your medication, disability-related supplies or equipment, and anything else you need daily. Decide what medication and equipment you need every day to be independent. Write down where you keep them and any information about them you may need during a disaster or emergency. This information can be useful to your trusted allies, first responders, or shelter staff. There may be phone apps that you can use to help develop these lists as well as having a written or printed list.

#### **ACTIONS:**

#### Create your medical and independent living needs list:

- Make a list of all your medications and their use or dosage
- Make a list of equipment you need. For example, list equipment to help you hear (like hearing aids), see (like glasses), or get around (like a walker or wheelchair). Also list oxygen equipment and other devices that you need.

#### Use it:

• Make several copies. Keep them with your Contact Lists where it will be easy to find. Put them on apps in your phone if possible or email a copy to yourself and your allies in the plan.

# **Step 3: Create Your Emergency Supplies Kits**

Are you prepared for your important needs during an emergency or disaster no matter where you are? Emergencies and disasters can occur at any time and anywhere. You may be at home, at work, on vacation, or just out and about. Keeping important items with you is key to successful emergency and disaster planning.

#### **ACTIONS:**

#### Pack emergency kits to have in different places:

Carry with you
In your car
In your home
In your office

# Step 4: Plan How and When to Evacuate

You do not need to evacuate in all emergencies. Make sure you know when to evacuate. Usually a city, county, or first responder will let you know. If it looks dangerous though, use your best judgment. Be familiar with all possible routes out of your home or office and to get out of your neighborhood.

It is important that you plan your evacuation strategy ahead of disasters. Develop a plan for yourself and your animal(s) on what to do in case of emergency or disaster: know when to evacuate, where to go, and what to take with you.

Think about how you want to exit your home or your office when a disaster happens and make a detailed map about where to go to meet friends, family, or your trusted allies (for home, work, or where you usually are).

Evacuation routes out of your neighborhood will depend on the type of disaster and where it is located. Know all the main routes out of your neighborhood, drive them ahead of time so that you are familiar with them before an emergency or disaster occurs.

## Shelter-in-place:

Shelter-in-place means to take immediate shelter wherever you are to avoid harm. In the event of a chemical spill or release, you may be instructed to remain indoors and shut off outside air intake to avoid harmful fumes that may have been dispersed into the air. Listen to local radio and TV for emergency instructions. Have your emergency supplies ready.

#### **ACTIONS:**

#### Register for alerts and stay informed:

It is important to be informed – sign up for local alerts and warnings for your area so you know if and when you need to evacuate: www.ReadySLO.org, www.ReadySBC.org, or www.ReadyVenturaCounty.org. There are also many emergency services apps and trusted news outlets available. Download, save, and review www.Nixle.com App, www.FEMA.gov App, www.tinyurl.com/MyShakeEQ, Utility Company Address Alerts PG&E: www.tinyurl.com/AlertsPGE or SCE: www.tinyurl.com/AlertsSCE, and local hazard maps.

San Luis Obispo County Emergency Alert Radio Stations			ry and Ventura County t Radio Stations
Call Sign	Frequency	Call Sign	Frequency
VIII 102 FF0	162.550	SB Marine: WWF62	162.475
KIH31	162.550	KIH34	162.400

#### Create an evacuation plan:

Write down your exit plans and evacuation routes in detail and where to meet for home, work, or wherever you usually are, including how you will evacuate and where you will go. If you have animals, include them in your evacuation plan an example can be found at: www.Ready.gov/Pets

Other plans for your pets or service animals can be found at:

- www.tinyurl.com/AnimalPrep
- www.tinyurl.com/HumanePrep
- www.tinyurl.com/HumaneFarmPrep

Make sure you, your family, and trusted allies have a meet-up location away from your neighborhood in case you are separated in an emergency or disaster.

#### Note the hazards:

Use the CALOES My Hazards Map Lookup: *myhazards.caloes.ca.gov* and note your evacuation destination for each disaster, emergency, and Public Safety Power Shutoff.

- San Luis Obispo County Diablo Canyon Evacuation Information
  - > Evacuation assistance registration: www.tinyurl.com/EvacAssist. Register but also plan like no one is coming to get you because it's not a guarantee. We want you to be prepared and informed about your environment.
    - » Atascadero and above are outside the zone.
    - » Click www.tinyurl.com/SLOZone for PrepareSLO which has the Map of Diablo Canyon Zone.
    - » Plan like no one is coming to get you. It's not a guarantee. Be informed about your environment.
    - » Plan your transportation: www.tinyurl.com/SLOTransport

Hazard	Impacted (Yes/No)	Evacuation Destination or Shelter in Place
Flood		
Wildfire		
Earthquake		
PSPS		
Tsunami		
Extreme Weather		
Other		

#### **Practice Your Plan:**

- Practice your evacuation plan. Get familiar with it and see if anything should be changed, added, or removed.
- Make sure everybody in your plan knows the plan.

## Five Trusted Emergency Allies Who Know Your Plan:

When selecting your five Emergency Allies who know your plan, consider coaches, childcare providers, relatives outside the area, and neighbors on shared evacuation routes. Ask an out-of-state friend or relative to be your family's emergency contact.

Contact Name	<b>Contact Details</b> (Phone, Email, etc)
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

#### **Health & Medical Needs List:**

Important medical and health related information

ctor's Name:
one Number:
pe of Health Insurance:
licy Number:
ood Type:
ergies & Sensitivities:

	Medical & Health Related Equipment
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

Medication Name	Dosage	Time Taken
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

# **Emergency Kit Checklist:**

Three-day supply of non-perishable food and three gallons of water per person
Two week supply of non-perishable food and water for stay box
Plastic sheeting and duct tape (to shelter in place)
Wrench to turn off utilities
Map marked with evacuation routes
List of important numbers in case your cell phone is lost
Prescriptions, special medications, at least 1-week supply
Battery-powered radio
Extra batteries and backup power
Pet & service animal supplies (food, water, carrier, leashes, vaccination records)
Change of clothing, sturdy shoes
Eating utensils
Grooming utensils: hairbrush, toothbrush, etc.
Hearing devices
Communication devices: notepad, pen/pencil, picture communication aid, communication board, etc
Sanitation and urinary supplies: hygiene products, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.
Wheelchair, heavy duty gloves, and repair kit
Extra eyeglasses or contact lenses
N95 mask
An extra set of car keys
Credit cards, cash, or checks
Flashlight
Whistle
Copies of important documents (birth certificates, passports, etc.)
Cell phone charging cord and extra battery
Diaper bag
First aid kit
Breathing equipment
Walker/crutches/cane
Dentures
Other:

## **Evacuation Routes - Know Where To Go:**

Evacuation Route 1:
Evacuation Route 2:
Emergency Meeting Place:
Make sure you and your family have a predetermined meet-up location away from your neighborhood in case you are separated in an emergency.
Emergency Meeting Place Location & Phone Number:

(Vi	sit www.Ready.gov for more information.)
	Earthquakes – www.Ready.gov/earthquakes
	Earthquake Country – www.earthquakecountry.org
	Floods – www.Ready.gov/floods
	Extreme Heat – www.Ready.gov/heat
	Landslide/Debris Flow – www.Ready.gov/landslides-debris-flow
	Power Outages (PSPS) – www.Ready.gov/power-outages
	Tsunamis – www.Ready.gov/tsunamis
	Wildfires – www.Ready.gov/wildfires
Οι	ır Resource Library:
(Vi	sit www.listoscalifornia.org/prepare-your-community/toolkit/ for Listos Toolkit.)
	Disaster Ready (English)  www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/508_LIS_112_090320_DRC_web_EN_dAf.pdf
	Disaster Ready (Spanish)  www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/508_LIS_146_100620_DRC_web_ES_dAf.pdf
	Health Profile Template (English)  http://listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/508_LIS_026_050520_IDD_health_profile_dAf.pd
	Health Profile Template (Spanish) www.listoscalifornia.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/508_LIS_061920_IDD_health_profile_ES.pdf
(Vi	sit www.caloes.ca.gov/cal-oes-divisions/access-functional-needs/afn-library/ for OAFN Library.)
	Temple University  www.temple.edu/instituteondisabilities/aacvocabulary/e4all/2018/  EprepPictureAid_EngSpan2018_8-5x11.pdf
	DDS: Feeling Safe, Being Safe Worksheet (English)  www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/CC_FeelingSafeBeingSafe_20190319.pdf
	DDS: Feeling Safe, Being Safe Worksheet (Spanish)  www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/CC_FeelingSafeBeingSafeSpanish_20190319.pdf
	DDS: Feeling Safe, Being Safe Magnet (English)  www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/CC_FeelingSafeBeingSafeMagnet_20190319.pdf
	DDS: Feeling Safe, Being Safe Magnet (Spanish)  www.dds.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/CC_FeelingSafeBeingSafeMagnetSpanish_20190319.pdf

Plan For Every Hazard:

# **ILRC Website Resources**

Visit the ILRC website at www.ilrc-trico.org/disaster-relief to learn more about how to receive an Emergency Kit & PPEs in preparation for an emergency.





Begin planning for disasters, emergencies, and Public Safety Power Shutoffs with the Spanish ILRC Disaster & Emergency Plan: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\_tolt7AmStahr\_3Gh95DsIEyyK79gLZw/view

### **Large Print Versions**

Also available in large print for English and Spanish.

- Large Print (English)
   https://docs.google.com/document/d/14R6UmJlQDv6ZgWAwprdSiZZPpHbOM-oxO29p2qlP-5c/edit
- Large Print (Spanish)
   https://drive.google.com/file/d/17fKk9TVObDggyXDJKRaYO8ezMl2IYe53/view



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