

## Responsibilities & Warnings:

Evacuations are dictated by any number of events: fire, flood, hazardous materials, and earthquakes are some. The actual evacuation of any area is the primary responsibility of Law Enforcement. Under extreme conditions, other agencies and Law Enforcement volunteers may assist.

Evacuation warning and recommendations are broadcast by every means available, including: radio, television, National Weather Service radio, Law Enforcement and associated volunteers (VIPs, Jeep Posse, etc.), fire vehicles, public address, and door-to-door. You may get a call from neighbors or friends. Turn on your radio to confirm the evacuation. Avoid using the phone if possible to keep the lines clear for responding agencies.

**Dial  
9-1-1  
For  
Emergencies!**



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## Basic Evacuation Procedures



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## Food & Shelter

All evacuees **MUST** register at the reception area/shelter. Once registered, evacuees may proceed to their own shelter arrangements, or take advantage of Red Cross accommodations. Meals will also be provided at the shelter(s).

## Security

Law enforcement will provide security for evacuated areas. The nature of the emergency and the safety of personnel will dictate patrols and/or where perimeters are established. Security and safety concerns (your and ours) will not allow anyone back into an evacuated area until re-entry is authorized.

## Pets & Animals

**TAKE YOUR PETS!** Animal Disaster Services (ADS) is activated anytime there is an evacuation. Although pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters, ADS will be there to care for your pets. ADS will usually be co-located with the Red Cross shelter.

## Re-entry

Re-entry is allowed as absolutely soon as safety permits. Although the situation may seem "safe" to you, conditions not readily apparent are often ongoing. We don't want to have you go through a second evacuation, so please be patient. Thank you!

## ► Evacuation Stages

An evacuation proceeds in definite stages:

### ★ STAGE ONE

is the warning or notice.

### ★ STAGE TWO

is departure to the reception area and registration.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Everyone must proceed to registration whether you are going to use Red Cross shelter facilities or not. Registration is important for two reasons: it keeps rescuers from being endangered by unnecessarily searching for you; and it enables the Red Cross to answer questions from your relatives and friends about your safety.

### ★ STAGE THREE

is shelter assignment. After registration, you are free to arrange for your own shelter or use Red Cross facilities.

### ★ STAGE FOUR

is re-entry.

## Evacuation Routes & Destinations

Officials will notify you of the route and destination. Weather and the nature of the emergency prevent pre-designated staging areas or shelters. DO NOT deviate from the route you are given—the safest routes will be identified for you. A “short cut” will tie-up emergency vehicles and possibly put you into harms way!

## Planning

will prevent an evacuation nightmare. We DO NOT suggest that you keep the items you want to take in a box. We DO recommend a list of the items and their location so that you can find and take them quickly.

## Evacuation Actions

As time permits:

- IMPORTANT—tie a white towel or any large white cloth to or near the front door. This tells rescuers that you have evacuated.
- Unplug all appliances except the refrigerator and freezer
- Turn off gas or propane
- Close drapes and blinds
- Turn on exterior lights.
- Lock all doors and windows.

- Secure outdoor items and valuables
- Arrange for evacuation of 2nd cars, etc.

## What to Take

### Immediate Evacuation—There is no time:

The Three P's: Photos, Pill, Pets

### Short Notice Evacuation:

- Important papers and valuables
- Medications
- Glasses and dentures
- Personal toilet/sanitary articles
- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows
- Special dietary needs
- Baby foods, diapers, etc.
- Checkbook, credit cards, cash

### Extended Notice Evacuation:

All of the above items and

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Portable radio and batteries
- Extra clothing for each person
- Desired food items
- First aid kit
- Reading material
- Toys/recreational items

Everyone in your family should know important numbers to call and a neighborhood meeting place in case of an emergency.

Cut out the information card below and make a copy for each family member!

## Family Emergency Communications Plan

Contact Name

Telephone

Out-of-Town Contact Name

Telephone

Neighborhood Meeting Place

Meeting Place Phone