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PRACTICE YOUR DISASTER PLAN

After you have sat down with your family and written your plan — practice it. Start by having family members meet at a designated spot outside your home — like you would after a fire or after the shaking stops. Know how to respond in the event of any disaster — whether to stay put indoors, or whether to evacuate your neighborhood by car. If your family needs to evacuate, know the proper evacuation procedures and routes as determined by your local OES office.



- Quiz your kids every six months so they remember what to do.
- Do they know how to call 911?
- Discuss as a family what types of disasters may occur and how to react.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.
- Meeting Places-Does everyone know where to meet?
 - Meet short distance from home in case of house fire.
 - Meet at a designated place outside of the neighborhood in case you cannot return home. (Relatives or friends house)
- Replace stored water every three months and stored food every six months.
- Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

