



CERT/CEPA/BERTT

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Disaster can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. Roads, water, gas, electricity and telephone service may be cut off. If a disastrous event overwhelms or delays your community's first responders, are you prepared to go it alone for at least 72 hours?

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

CERT is a group of responsible, trained community members who have come together to form a skilled group of disaster service workers. This program is designed to prepare families and neighbors to face a catastrophic disaster before outside resources arrive. Some cities have CERT programs in their communities. For details, visit www.citizencorps.gov/cert or visit your city's website or call OCFA Community Relations and Education at (714) 573-6200.

Community Emergency Preparedness Academy (CEPA)

CEPA members can assist neighbors by applying the basic response and organizational skills that they learned during training. These skills can help save and sustain lives following a disaster until help arrives. Some cities have CEPA programs in their communities. For details, visit your city's website or call OCFA Community Relations and Education at (714) 573-6200.

Business Emergency Response Team Training (BERTT)

Business first responder teams can assist coworkers by applying basic first aid and emergency training in the workplace. For details, visit the Orange County Red Cross at www.oc-redcross.org or (714) 481-5353. To register for a class, visit: <http://arc-orangecounty.axxiomportal.com/Education/course.aspx?c=3744>.



Make a Kit:

- Build a first aid and survival kit for your home, car and workplace. For details or to purchase a kit, visit www.oc-redcross.org.
- Learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

Make a Disaster Plan:

- Meet with your family, neighbors, coworkers, and schools to create a plan, share responsibilities and work together as a team.
- Pick two places to meet: (1) outside your home, in case of a sudden emergency or (2) outside your neighborhood, in case you can't return home.
- Have an "out-of-state contact" for family members to call. For a card, visit www.ocfa.org.
- Post emergency numbers and teach children how to call 9-1-1 for assistance.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.
- Consider food and shelter for pets.

If Disaster Strikes:

- Work with your CERT/CEPA/BERT teams.
- Check for injuries and give first-aid.
- Listen for news and information.
- Clean up spilled bleach, gasoline, medicine and other hazardous materials.
- Shut off any damaged utilities.



For More Information

American Red Cross
www.redcross.org

Center for Disease Control
www.bt.cdc.gov

Federal Emergency Management
Agency
www.fema.gov

Orange County Fire Authority
www.ocfa.org

Department of Homeland Security
www.ready.gov

CERT
www.citizencorps.gov/cert/about.shtm

Neighborhood Watch
www.usaonwatch.org

Orange County Sheriff's Department
www.ocsd.org

OC Ready
www.ocready.com