



Evacuation Preparedness

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As high rise complexes emerge throughout our community, being prepared to evacuate is essential to your survival. Building features such as smoke alarms, automatic fire sprinkler systems and modern construction usually produce safe facilities. Being prepared will help you in the event of an emergency.

Have a Kit

Each building occupant should have the following:

- Walking shoes
- Flashlight and whistle
- Cell-phone
- Emergency contact information
- Room keys or access card
- Bottled water and energy bar
- Money (small bills/change)



Make a Plan

- Read and understand your building's emergency action plan.
- Know your emergency phone number including property management contact information and communication procedures.
- Know the location of fire alarms and fire extinguishers.
- Count the doors to the nearest exits
- Know two ways out of your area.
- **Do not use the elevator.**

Every building should have an escape plan. Make sure to conduct regular fire drills for practice.

Get Involved – Exercise Your Plan

- Home fire drills are recommended for residents every six months
- Change your smoke alarm batteries routinely, refer to manufacturer’s recommendation specific to your smoke alarm
- Most schools and business have mandatory periodic training requirements
- See your supervisor, building manager or CERT team leader

Occupants with Special Needs

If necessary, the building emergency plan should address a “buddy system” in order to assist the following types of people in case of emergency:

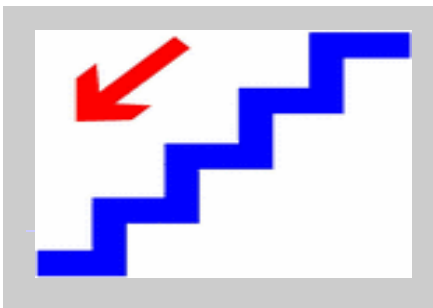
- Seniors
- People with service animals
- Mobility-impaired
- Wheelchair-bound
- Mentally-ill
- Visually-impaired
- Hard-of-hearing
- Those with cognitive disabilities



Community Evacuation

Large scale disasters may require evacuations of entire communities.

Follow the directions of law enforcement authorities and tune to local AM news radio channel.



Know where your exits are and how to use them. Practice evacuation drills periodically.

For More Information

Orange County Fire Authority
(714) 573-6200
www.ocfa.org

Irvine Police Department
<http://www.cityofirvine.org/ipd/flvplayer.asp>

National Fire Protection Association
www.nfpa.org

United States Fire Administration
www.usfa.dhs.gov

Cal-OSHA Consultation Services
www.dir.ca.gov