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## **PREPARE TO EVACUATE [#12]**

### **Have a Plan**

- Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do during an emergency and where to find your emergency supplies and Go-bags.
- Plan where to meet after a disaster if your home becomes unsafe. Choose two places:
  - 1> One just outside your home, and
  - 2> One outside Marin Valley in case you are told to evacuate, or you are away from your home [shopping, etc]. Inform friends and family about your evacuation plan ahead of time.
- Designate an out-of-area contact person. Select someone that is far enough away to not be affected by the same emergency. Provide this person with the names and contact information of the people you want to be kept informed of your situation.
  - Call this person to let them know your situation and location
  - Instruct family members to call this person regarding your situation and location.
- Take your cell phone with you.
- Practice your evacuation routes and emergency drills: DROP, COVER & HOLD in an earthquake, and STOP, DROP & ROLL if your clothes catch fire.
- Carry with you at all times, an emergency health and contact information card in case you are found unconscious or incoherent. Include a list of medications, allergies, special equipment, names and numbers of doctors, pharmacists and people to contact.
- Make a Grab N Go bag
- Know where the alternate escape route from the Park is, off Meadow View (at the curve).
- If ordered to evacuate immediately, do so. Any delay can risk your life.
- Plan what you will do for your pets.
- Consider how you will take your medical devices with you.
- Give a key to your home to the front office (in case police or fire need to enter your home in your absence) as well as to a friend or neighbor
- Keep the gas tank(s) of your car(s) half full

**First Aid Kit** Keep a well-stocked first aid kit on hand and in your Grab and Go bag.

### **If told to evacuate**

- Grab your Grab-and-Go bag
  - Keep the bag with you at all times.
  - Do not leave the bag unattended in your car.

### **If there is time**

- Dress in synthetics or wool long pants, long sleeved shirt, gloves, and sturdy shoes.
- Turn off utilities at the main switches [first at the breaker box for electricity] or valves. Disconnect electrical appliances. Do not touch electrical equipment if you are wet or standing in water.
- Close any metal blinds to deflect heat.
- Remove curtains and drapes. Move flammable items away from the windows, into the center of the room.
- Close all interior doors.
- Be prepared to leave your car if necessary and continue your evacuation on foot. Do not leave your vehicle where it will block the road or hinder first responders.
- Once safely out of the area, head for your agreed-upon "where to meet" location.
- Call your out-of-the-area contact and tell them where you are and your situation.