

Storey County Emergency Management

Earthquake Preparedness

**Great Nevada
Shakeout
October 15th 10:15**

Make a Plan

Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes so it is important to plan in advance: how you will get to a safe place; how you will contact one another; how you will get back together; and what you will do in different situations.

You should also **inquire about emergency plans** at places where your family spends time: work, daycare and school, faith organizations, sports events and commuting. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one. Talk to community leaders, your colleagues, neighbors and members of faith or civic organizations about how you can work together in the event of an emergency. You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead and communicate with others in advance.

Have a plan for traveling between work and home, and other commonly visited locations, in case of an emergency.

Family Communication Tips

Identify a contact such as a friend or relative who lives out-of-state for household members to notify they are safe. It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.

Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has a cell phone, coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact. If you have a cell phone, program that person(s) as "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) in your phone. If you are in an accident, emergency

personnel will often check your ICE listings in order to get a hold of someone you know. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you've listed them as emergency contacts.

Teach family members how to use text messaging (also known as SMS or Short Message Service). Text messages can often get around network disruptions when a phone call might not be able to get through.

Subscribe to alert services. Many communities now have systems that will send instant text alerts or e-mails to let you know about bad weather, road closings, local emergencies, etc.

Complete a contact card for each adult family member. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse or briefcase, etc. Additionally, complete contact cards for each child in your family. Put the cards in their backpacks or book bags.

Check with your children's day care or school. Facilities designed for children should include identification planning as part of their emergency plans.

What Specific Risks Do I Need To Plan For ?

Here in Northern Nevada there are generally 5 basic risks to prepare for.

- ***EARTHQUAKE, WILDLAND FIRE, FLOOD, WINTER STORM,***
- ***and WIND EVENTS***

There are actions that should be taken before, during and after an event that are unique to each hazard. Research the hazards unique to each risk and use your past experience to plan for yourself and your family.

AND, ALWAYS REMEMBER



▼ For all disasters....remember 72-96.....that's the number of hours you should be prepared to take care of yourself and your family in a major disaster before professional rescuers may be able to get to you. Because they will be affected by the disaster too.