

California Department of Developmental Services

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS BULLETIN

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Spring Into Action

Spring is a great time to enjoy the outdoors. This Bulletin provides some tips to stay safe and have fun.



Emergency Preparedness



- Check your emergency kit. Does everything in the kit still work?
- Throw away old food, medicine, or batteries. Replace them with new ones.
- Store your emergency kit in a place where you can grab it quickly.
- Learn what to include in your emergency kit at www.ready.gov/kit



Check Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms



- Change your alarm batteries two times a year. An easy way to remember this is to change the batteries every time you set your clocks for daylight savings time.
- Test your alarms every month to make sure they work.
- If your alarms are older than 10 years, get new ones.
- Learn more on the importance of smoke alarms at home: NFPA Smoke Alarm Safety Tips (nfpa.org)



This Emergency Preparedness Bulletin is produced by the Department of Developmental Services. The bulletin aims to inform individuals and direct service providers to specific risks affecting our community, as identified through the Bulletin Survey.

Find and Fix Dangerous Things in Your Home

- Move anything that blocks hallways or doors. Make sure you can walk through your home easily if there's an emergency.
- Tape down rugs or cords that might make you trip or fall.
- Secure heavy furniture to the walls so they do not fall over and injure you or your family. Some examples of heavy furniture are dressers, bookcases, and big TVs.
- Learn more about how to prevent home hazards: <u>Safe at Home, A Guide to Home Safety: Identifying and Preventing Hazards</u> (safehome.org)



Plan for Emergencies



- Practice your emergency plan with the people you live with, or support team a few times a year.
- Make a list of important phone numbers to call if you need help.
- Download the <u>Listos Disaster Ready Guide (listoscalifornia.org)</u>. This guide can be used to keep all your important information in one place.

Watch for Flooding or Mudslides After Rain

- Check to be sure your roof gutters and drains are clear enough for water to flow away from your home.
- Stay away from hills after heavy rain because mud and rocks might slide down and hurt you.
- Sign up to receive alerts of emergency situations near you: Calalerts Sign up (calalerts.org).
- Learn more on Storm Season Safety: <u>Listos California</u>
 <u>Storm Season Safety (listoscalifornia.org)</u>





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