

What To Do In Case Of Emergency (or drill)

1. Take care of yourself and your family--assess your own needs first!
 - a. If disaster appears wide-spread, turn on emergency AM radio to local news and monitor for any instructions from civil authorities.
2. Note damage in your immediate neighborhood. Offer assistance to your neighbors
 - a. Without adding "drama" be able to accurately report level of damage
 - b. Note which utilities seem to be out: water, electricity, gas, TV/Radio
 - c. Assist in turning off (if safe to do so) any leaking gas. If needed, turn off main circuit breakers in damaged houses to prevent shock hazards.
3. Make sure all radio accessories (especially batteries) are available and working.
 - a. Transceiver(s) (Identified with your call sign) and extra battery packs
 - b. Flashlight, batteries and spare bulbs
 - c. Notebook, pens and pencils
 - d. Cigarette lighter power adapter and AC power supply & cord
 - e. Battery charger, fast charger preferred
 - f. Credit cards and cash
 - g. Maps
4. Tune your ham radio and listen to the assigned frequency:
 - a. 147.555 Stake Primary Simplex frequency ("Stake1") for your local area
 - b. 147.330+ (103.5 PL) "StakeRPT" Stake Repeater to check with wider area
 - c. If needed, channel "Stake2" can be used: 144.510 MHz simplex, no PL
 - d. If needed, channel "Stake3" can be used: 144.550 MHz simplex, no PL
 - e. OPTIONAL or 2nd radio: Listen for City, Fire or Police logistics activity.
5. Announce your Amateur call sign. Initiate a Net if none heard.
 - a. Once a Net with others is established, announce your intentions and movements before you do them so you do not become "lost" to the group!
 - b. Assist in relay of information from others that are low power or mobile and cannot be heard well. Announce "relay!" when you are able to help.
6. Establish contact with your Ward geocode group on radio, foot, bike, or car:
 - a. Offer radio assistance if needed
 - b. If your neighborhood leader has sufficient radio resources, check with other neighborhood leaders to make sure all have communications capabilities
NOTE: Let someone in charge know WHERE you are going. Maintain radio contact if at all possible--don't become the subject of a search yourself!
 - c. Think: does your bishop have a radio communicator available to him?
Should it be you? There are no radio communications unless it's two-way!
 - c. If asked, assist in contact with Bishop or Stake leaders for further instruction
 - d. Help with information flow, take written notes of info, date, time
 - e. Do not "interpret" instructions from leaders--you are a conduit, not a source!