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So you gave
me an
emergency
kit, now
what?



Out-of-Area Contact

Prepare to be Separated from Loved Ones

If you are separated from loved ones when disasters strike, you immediately will wonder how and where they are. The stress of the event may make it difficult to remember even routine information, like phone numbers. Consequently, we recommend that every person have an out-of-area contact card in a wallet, purse or back pack at all times.

1. Ask an a family friend or relative who lives at least 100 miles away from you to be your out-of-area contact.
2. After a disaster, all family members call this person to tell him or her how they are and to find out how other members are. You create a communication circle through a third-party.

3. You may be able to send a text message to your loved ones on your cell phone. Keep it short!

Why Out-of-Area?

It will be difficult to make local calls because of the number of people trying to make calls at the same time. The local systems will be overloaded. However, you may be able to make long distance calls.



Additional Emergency Supplies

- ☑ Flashlight with extra batteries if the electricity goes out.
- ☑ Portable radio with extra batteries. Tune into KOMO AM 1000 as this is one way you will receive information after a disaster.
- ☑ A pair of sturdy shoes, jacket or sweater and blanket.
- ☑ Extra personal supplies such as glasses, contact lenses, and prescription medications.
- ☑ Keep your kit where you can get to it easily in case of evacuation.

Make Your Room Safer!

- ☑ Be sure that mirrors, framed pictures, glass items or other heavy objects aren't hanging over your bed or desk.
- ☑ Don't use unsecured shelves made out of bricks, cement blocks and boards.
- ☑ Place heavy objects lower to the ground.



Why do I need a whistle?

If trapped in debris after an earthquake use a whistle to alert rescuers to your location. Blow three short whistles. If the rescuers hear you they will respond with three long whistles. You follow with another three short whistles. Repeat this pattern until they reach your location. This is the code for S.O.S.

The whistle can also be used to bring attention to you if someone suspicion is following or bothering you. Use it for safety and security! Keep one in your emergency kit as well as on your keychain!

Important Phone Numbers

206-897-INFO (UW Telephone Hotline)
1-866-897-INFO (Toll Free)
206-543-9331 UW Police non-Emergency