

ECHO Phone

Emergency, Community and Health Outreach



Emergency Preparedness Health Advisory: Evacuation

EZ Route File Name: EP Evacuation

Application: Red Call Flow

Node: EP Evacuation

When some emergency situations happen, government officials may tell you to leave your home and go to a safer place. It's important to listen to government officials to find out where you should go, what direction is the safest route and what you need to do to get to the shelter.

If you have an emergency bag, bring it with you. Don't forget to bring your medicine and change of clothes that you may need while away from home. If you are not with your family or loved ones, remember your family's emergency plan to be able to find them at a later time. Do not go to your children's school. They are safer in the school than being outside. Also, if you have time, remember to turn off the air conditioner, heater or ventilation and lock all windows and doors to protect your house while you're away. Don't open any windows or turn on the air conditioner or heater while you are in a car. If you cannot drive, find a neighbor willing to give you a ride or contact your local police for help. Most important, remember to stay calm and follow the instructions given to you by local emergency government officials.

To learn how to create a family emergency plan, press #1. To learn how to create an emergency bag, press #2. To hear this information again, press #3.