

# CORE Citywide Emergency Response Functional Exercise

Saturday, April 25, 2009, 9:00am - 11:30am

## Helpful Hints #4

### Objective:

Identify evacuation plans and practice using evacuation routes.

### ALL Groups:

- Make sure each neighbor knows how to evacuate their own home.
- Encourage every resident to make a list of what they will take with them if they must evacuate their homes so that in the chaos they don't forget any important items. Remember the basics like vital documents, family photos, and your emergency supply go-bag including food, water and comfort items.
- Each family should pre-plan how they will let loved ones know their status once they have evacuated. How will you notify family members or roommates who may be temporarily away from the home when evacuation occurs?
- Where and how would you evacuate if you must do so after having established your NICC? What will you take with you if you must evacuate your NICC? How will you account for your CORE volunteers who may be out in the neighborhood on assignment? What if your Disaster First Aid station already has victims there? How will you assist children, animals, elderly, or people with disabilities or injuries to evacuate?

### Average to Advanced Groups:

- Identify and practice at least two evacuation routes out of the neighborhood. What if the streets are blocked and cars cannot be used? What if there is a large fire on one end of the block, or in the middle? What if there is a flood?
- Identify at least two possible routes for evacuation out of the neighborhood.
- Plan how buddies can help with children, animals, elderly or disabled.

### New or Small Groups:

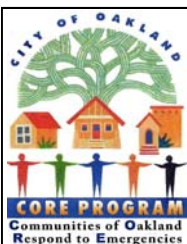
- Identify and practice at least one evacuation route out of the neighborhood

### Groups in Multi-Unit Buildings:

- Make sure each resident knows how to evacuate the building.
- Practice evacuating your high-rise building with a fire drill, or include it with the Citywide Exercise on April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Visually inspect stairwells for safety before encouraging their use for building evacuation.
- When identifying items to take with you in an evacuation, consider the probable route you will take to exit the building. Carrying a big box may seem reasonable in the light of day with an elevator, but what if you have to go down several flights of stairs – in the dark? You may want to limit evacuation items to whatever can fit in a backpack.



*Still have questions?  
Contact the CORE Coordinator!*



For more information about the CORE Citywide Exercise, please call 510-238-6351 or email [core@oaklandnet.com](mailto:core@oaklandnet.com).

Citywide Exercise resources are also available online at <http://www.oaklandnet.com/fire/core/citywide.html>.

