



SIX CRITICAL STEPS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS

Use this document to create and sustain your group and take the most impactful disaster preparedness actions together.

STEPS

Step one: know your neighbors

- Schedule one or more annual block parties or gatherings.
- Make a contact list, including phone number and addresses.

Step two: create a group communications plan

- Identify a method to communicate with your group, such as an email listserv.
- Create systems for checking in, if systems are down and or for people who prefer face to face communications.

Step three: create a group inventory

- Identify the skills in your group, such as medical skills, or event management experience.
- Identify the people who are willing to help, and the people who need help.
- Keep a list of supplies that the group can share.

Step four: make an evacuation plan

- Identify a block gathering point.
- Create a carpool plan for people who need help evacuating.

Step five: practice utility and fire safety

- Map gas shutoff valves and place wrenches in useful places.
- Review fire safety equipment, like fire extinguisher use.



Step six: promote household and neighborhood preparedness

- Help neighbors with personal and household preparedness, using “Six Critical Steps to Disaster Preparedness.”
- Grow your neighborhood group, by meeting new neighbors, and taking training together with the City of Berkeley.