The Episcopal Diocese of California Disaster Preparedness

Is your church prepared for an earthquake or other disaster?


If your church has a preschool, do they have a disaster plan? Where do they keep their emergency supplies? [http://emergency.cdc.gov/children/schools.asp](http://emergency.cdc.gov/children/schools.asp)

Is the church a neighborhood command post with extra supplies? [http://www.csc.ca.gov/cc/cc.asp](http://www.csc.ca.gov/cc/cc.asp)

Do you know where the gas meter is to turn off the gas after an earthquake? [http://www.pge.com/myhome/edusafety/gaselectricsafety/turngasoff/index.shtml](http://www.pge.com/myhome/edusafety/gaselectricsafety/turngasoff/index.shtml)


Where are the first aid kits kept? When were they last replenished? [http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit/anatomy](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/get-kit/anatomy)


How do you create a disaster preparedness plan?

1) Organize a committee
2) Identify your risks – become knowledgeable about types of potential emergencies and responses. Take an “all hazards” approach.
3) Make a plan and organize – learn what to do before, during and after a disaster, including organizing supplies and equipment.
4) Train – practice plans and become first aid and CERT trained
5) Protect church property - safeguard finances, protect building structure, catalog building’s contents, maintain copies of important documents.

Helpful resources
[http://www.episcopalrelief.org/usdisaster](http://www.episcopalrelief.org/usdisaster)
[http://www.sfcard.org](http://www.sfcard.org)
[http://www.calema.ca.gov](http://www.calema.ca.gov)

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coming soon: [www.diocal.org/disaster](http://www.diocal.org/disaster)