

**DISASTER meeting place (if you cannot return home):**

EXACT LOCATION

**HOUSE FIRE meeting place (near home, everyone is safely outside):**

EXACT LOCATION

**LOCAL emergency contact (if you are hurt):**

PRINT NAME

PHONE



**OUT OF AREA CONTACT PERSON**

**WHY?** Local phone systems may be shut down in a disaster. However, you frequently can place a long-distance call.

Name (print):

Phone number (with area code):

Cell phone number (with area code):

**TIP:** You may be able to text message all your loved ones on your cell phone. Keep these messages short.

**OUT-OF-AREA CONTACT CARD**

**WHY?**

Following disasters if you cannot call or drive home, how will you know if your loved ones are safe? *The local telephone lines will be overwhelmed with 9-1-1 calls and there may be widespread damage to roads, overpasses, and bridges.*

**IT'S EASY!**

Choose a friend or family member who lives at least 100 miles away. **Everyone** calls this person to report in and to find out how others are doing. **Everyone** keeps a card in their wallet, purse, or backpack to help them remember who to call.

**FOLLOWING DISASTERS:**

Call your Out-of-Area Contact person. Only call 9-1-1 if it is a life-threatening situation.

**TEST MESSAGING - A NEW OPTION:**

Text messaging on your cell phone is a viable alternative to calling an out-of-area contact! This system is very robust during times of disaster. Text your loved ones to let them know *where* and *how* you are. Keep your message short.

**For additional information go to:**

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