



COMMUNICATION



- INSTRUCTIONS.**
- ▶ **Fill in the blanks.**
 - ▶ **Check boxes after you've completed the task.**
 - ▶ **Circle checkboxes next to things you need to do, but haven't done yet.**
 - ▶ **Write "N/A" next to things that are not applicable to your situation.**

DATE action plan completed: _____

ACTION #1. Pack your emergency evacuation kit.

- Pack **communication** supplies in your emergency kit—see *EMERGENCY KIT Checklist*.

ACTION #2. Identify out-of-town phone contacts.

If local phone lines are jammed or damaged, who can you call to relay information for you? Write long-distance contact names and phone numbers here, as well as on small cards to carry in wallets or school backpacks.

Contact 1. _____

Contact 2. _____

ACTION #3. Identify meeting places.

Identify places away from your house that everyone's already familiar with. Choose places that are easy to find and located in open, upland areas that can be reached on foot if necessary. Ideas include schools and parks.

Meeting place 1. _____

Meeting place 2. _____

ACTION #4. Identify public pay phones.

Identify and record the location of working public pay phones in your neighborhood. These might still function if other phones don't. Look for phones *outside* of buildings. Phones inside buildings may be inaccessible if electric doors aren't working or the business is closed.

Public pay phone 1. _____

Public pay phone 2. _____

ACTION #5. Receive emergency alerts.

- Buy a NOAA Weather Radio.**

NOAA Weather Radios are inexpensive and widely available. These radios receive special frequencies, which broadcast National Weather Service (NWS) "All Hazards" alerts and information 24 hours a day.

A nationwide list of NWS stations is available on NOAA's website at www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/coverage/station_listing.html.

NWS All Hazards call sign & frequency: _____

Call local public safety authorities.

Call your local emergency management, police, or fire department, and ask if your community:

1. Has its own local emergency broadcast **radio** station.

No Yes Call sign & frequency: _____

2. Sends out “**reverse 911**” calls, text messages, or e-mail alerts.

No Yes Sign up to automatically receive local emergency alerts.

3. Posts emergency alerts on a **mass notification website** designed for this purpose.

No Yes Website(s): _____

Public safety authority—*name & phone number*: _____

Sign up for CMAS mobile phone text alerts.

Call your mobile phone company and ask about signing up for the nationwide **Commercial Mobile Alert System** (CMAS) and receiving Wireless Emergency Alerts. For more information, see *COMMUNICATION Sources & More*.

▶ Is your mobile phone capable of receiving official Wireless Emergency Alerts? No Yes

Wireless phone company—*phone number*: _____

ACTION #6. PROJECTS. (Also see *COMMUNICATION Projects for instructions*.)

Learn to signal with a mirror.

Practice rendezvousing at neighborhood meeting places.

Become an Amateur Radio operator (“ham”) —see *COMMUNICATION Sources & More*.

Become a Citizen Band (CB) radio operator.

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