



EMERGENCY SIGNAL KIT

EMERGENCY INCIDENT PRIORITIES

Life Safety - Incident Stabilization - Property Conservation (LIP)

Emergency Signals are placed on homes and buildings after an emergency so neighbors and responders can complete an initial injury and damage assessment from the sidewalk or street. Neighbors or emergency personnel can walk or drive through neighborhoods to determine if people have been injured and quickly determine where resources are needed.



GREEN: ALL OK

We are doing fine and family members are all OK.
Injuries and property damage that affect life safety are under control.
If we can help others, we will come to our Area Coordination Center.



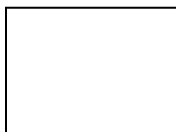
YELLOW: HELP SOON

There is an injury that IS NOT life threatening.
There is a problem but it DOES NOT require immediate attention.



RED: HELP NOW

There is an injury or problem that is LIFE THREATENING.
There is a problem that requires IMMEDIATE HELP.



NO SIGNAL on the building

Do not check on these buildings until after the buildings with RED signals have been taken care of.



BEFORE AN EMERGENCY:

- Have at least a 72 hour family emergency plan. Work with your block team leaders to focus on individual preparedness and neighborhood preparedness. **(In a widespread emergency City services may be overwhelmed and they may not be able to provide help immediately)**
- Make an Emergency signal kit – The easiest kit uses three 8 ½ x 11 sheets of cardstock paper in green, yellow, and red which has printed information about which signal to use and where to display the signal. Put each sheet in a separate plastic page protector to help protect it from the weather and attach a rubber band, string or ribbon to a hole in the protector sheet.
- Fill out the information on the back of the Red Emergency Signal sheet before an emergency and teach your family when and how to use these signals. Use a strong magnet or tape to hold the kit either on the lower interior side of the door or near to the door so responders can easily find your emergency contact information.
- Initially** the local LDS church building is designated as the Area Coordination Center (ACC) for volunteers and may be used as the triage and first aid treatment area. If necessary, the building **may** be used as a temporary shelter. Write in the location of your ACC on each signal card.
- Learn the neighborhood emergency plan specific to your area & the duties of the Block Captain (it might be you).

WHEN THERE IS AN EMERGENCY:

- Check your family (injuries) & residence (safety problems). How immediate and critical are your needs?
- Treat injuries and other life threatening problems & decide if your family can remain in your home?
- Seek or provide help and shelter if needed.
- Choose the appropriate Emergency Signal Card and use the rubber band, tape, or ribbon to attach the signal to a doorknob, door or other object so it can be seen from the street. The ribbon can be shut between the door and the door jamb to hold it in place. Consider this, your home may be the safest place to stay & you will be where others can contact you.
- If your family and neighbors are O.K. and you want to volunteer to help, on your way to the Area Coordination Center mark the homes on a map noting the colors of the displayed Signal cards and report this information to your Area Coordinator.
- The first person that arrives at the local LDS Church building that is able to begin coordinating information and resources becomes the Area Coordinator (Incident Commander) until replaced.
- The Area Coordinator is responsible for:
 - Deploying local volunteers to areas – first to those with the most critical needs.
 - Gathering situation status information – It helps with the deployment of volunteers.
 - Distributing information to emergency responders and the District Coordination Center (Stake), etc.
- The Area Coordinator does not leave the area, if there are more resources (volunteers) than problems, the Area Coordinator sends a team out to complete / update the situation status.



GREEN EMERGENCY SIGNAL CARD

Use this card as an emergency signal to alert neighbors to the status of your family and home to rapidly gather information.

Display this signal where it can easily be seen from the road or sidewalk.

(The front door is the preferred location)

ALL

OK

**We are doing fine and family members are all OK.
Injuries and property damage that affect life safety are under control.**

If you are able, help your neighbors.

Report your status and the status of your neighbors to the Block Captain and Area Coordination Center (LDS Ward building) in your area.

My Area Coordination Center is located at: _____



YELLOW EMERGENCY SIGNAL CARD

Use this card as an emergency signal to alert neighbors to the status of your family and home to rapidly gather information.

Display this signal where it can easily be seen from the road or sidewalk.

(The front door is the preferred location)

HELP SOON

There is an injury that IS NOT life threatening.

There is a problem but it DOES NOT require immediate attention.

Such a situation might include medical needs such as a sprained ankle, a broken wrist, or a wound that has stopped bleeding.

It might also include conditions such as loss of shelter or clothing that is not an immediate hazard to life but will be if needs aren't met.

Report your status and the status of your neighbors to the Block Captain or Area Coordination Center (LDS Ward building) in your area.

My Area Coordination Center is located at: _____



RED EMERGENCY SIGNAL CARD

Use this card as an emergency signal to alert neighbors to the status of your family and home to rapidly gather information.

Display this signal where it can easily be seen from the road or sidewalk.

(The front door is the preferred location)

HELP

NOW

There is an injury that is LIFE THREATENING.

There is a problem that requires IMMEDIATE HELP.

Someone has a life-threatening injury, is unconscious, or has uncontrollable bleeding.

It might also include fire, gas leak, flooding, someone trapped or other immediate hazard to property affecting life safety.

Report your status and the status of your neighbors to the Block Captain or Area Coordination Center (LDS Ward building) in your area.

My Area Coordination Center is located at: _____



GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Do not put personal information that you do not want to share with others.
 Print on back of Red Emergency card or on separate sheet and keep with red card
 Use a strong magnet or tape to hold the signal kit either on the lower interior side of the door or near to the front door.
 This is so responders can easily find your emergency contact information.

#	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	WORKPLACE/ SCHOOL ADDRESS	CELL PHONE	I.C.E. In Case of Emergency	FUNCTIONAL NEEDS
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Out of State Contact: _____

Phone: _____

District (Stake): _____

Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____

Area (Ward): _____

Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____

Block: _____

Captain: _____

Phone: _____