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# Guide about evacuations



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# Evacuation guide

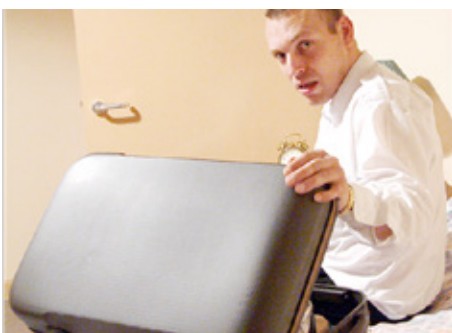


**Emergencies and disasters** are things like

- Floods and storms
- Bushfires
- COVID-19.



When you have to leave your home fast in an emergency or disaster it is called an **evacuation**.



Sometime you have a few days to leave your home.



Sometimes you have to leave right away.

This guide will help you know



- What you can do to get ready for evacuations

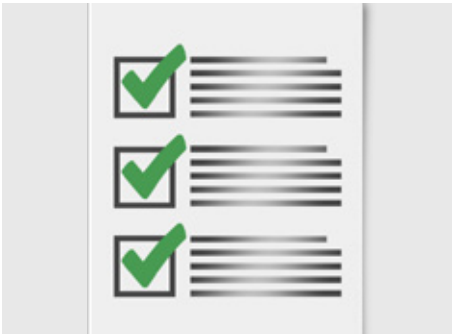


- What happens when you have to leave your home

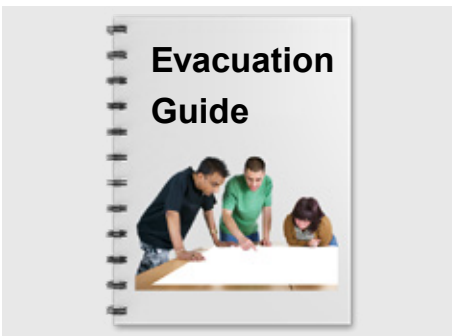


- What to think about after an evacuation.

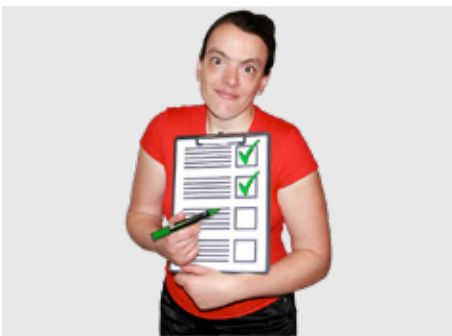
# Get ready for evacuations



These are some things you can do to get ready for evacuations.



Make sure you have an **emergency evacuation plan**.



An **emergency evacuation plan** helps you know what to do if there is an evacuation.



Your emergency evacuation plan should say

- How you will leave
- Where you will go.



Make sure you keep your emergency evacuation plan up to date.



It is a good idea to find out where your closest evacuation centre is.

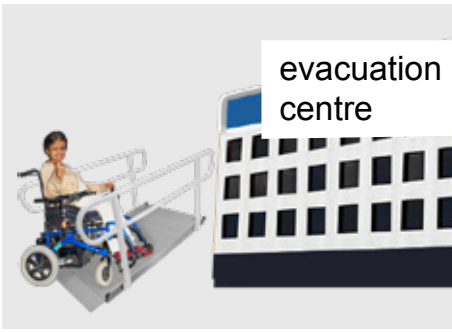


**Evacuation centres** are safe places in your area for people to go to in emergencies.



To find an evacuation centre near you go to this website

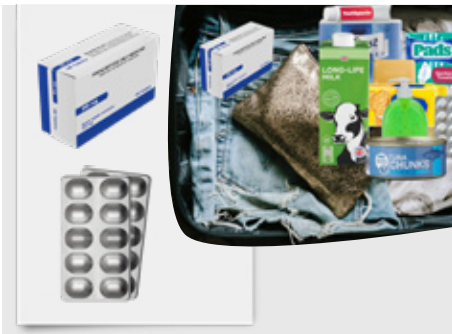
**[www.nema.gov.au/about-us/emergency-management/emergency-response-plans](http://www.nema.gov.au/about-us/emergency-management/emergency-response-plans)**



Make sure the evacuation centre near you is right for the support you need.



Make sure that your **go bag** is ready for when you need it.



A **go bag** has all the important things you will need in an evacuation.



For more information about go bags go to [www.r4ned.au/participants/respond/steps-to-take](http://www.r4ned.au/participants/respond/steps-to-take)



Make a plan for your pets.



Most evacuation centres do not let you bring your pets.



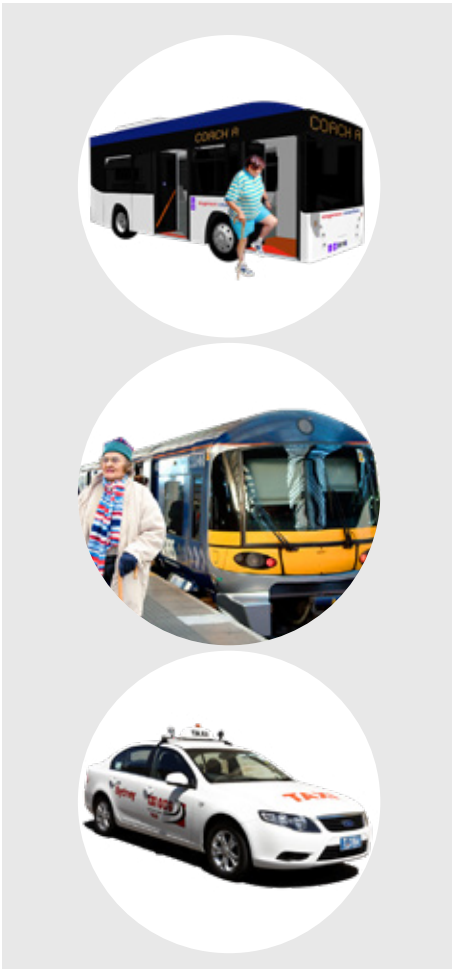
They only let you bring service animals like guide dogs.



If you plan to leave in your car make sure you have enough petrol.



It might also be good to have an emergency kit in your car with things like bandages.

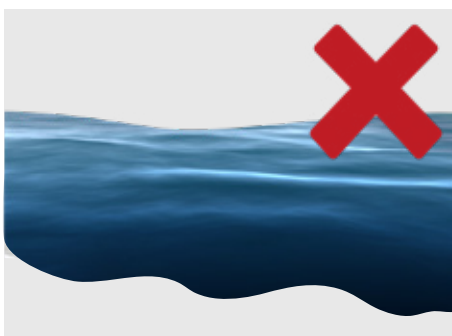


If you do not leave in your car make sure you have different choices like

- Bus

- Train

- Taxi.



Think about different way to get out of your area as some roads might not be safe.



# When you evacuate



These are some things to do when there is an evacuation.



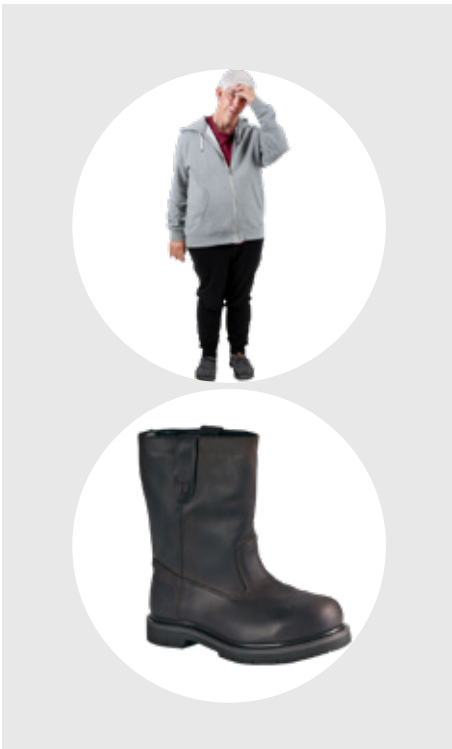
You should do what the emergency services tell you to do.



It is important to leave when you are told to leave.



It can be very dangerous if you do not leave in time.

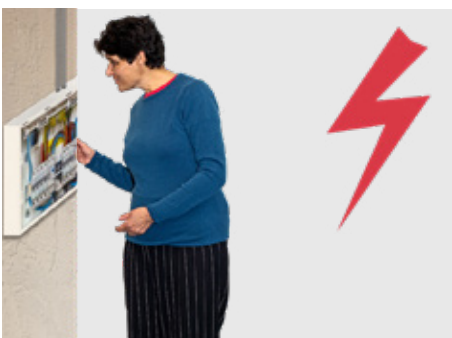


If you need to leave your home you should wear

- Long clothing that covers your skin
- Shoes that cover your toes.



If you have time lock the doors and windows of your home.



You can also turn off electricity if you have time.

When you leave take your



- Emergency evacuation plan



- Go Bag.



Take your pets with you if you can.



Give them lots of food and water if they are staying.



Tell your support people where you are going.



Stay in touch with them as much as you can.

# After the evacuation



These are some things to think about after an evacuation.



Find out when you can go back home.



You might get information from

- Emergency services workers
- Radio
- TV.



Do not go home until you are told it is ok.



Lots of things might not work right after an emergency or disaster.



This might be things like power in your home.



It might take a while until everything is fixed and back to how it was.

Stay in touch with your support people



- So that they know you are ok



- To ask for help if you need it.

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