Five Safety Steps for any Disaster:

- 1. Get alerts to know what to do
- 2. Make a plan to protect your people.
- 3. Get to safety with things you need.
- 4. Stay safe at home when you can't leave.
 - Help friends and neighbors get ready.

Continuing STEP #2 – PLANNING: The <u>Disaster Response Guide</u> (DRG) provides you with a single tool to do all of your emergency planning and preparation prior to a disaster response. Making a plan to protect your people starts off with key contacts: those in town you would need to reach and a key person outside of town to fill a primary communication link as they would likely not be impacted by the event. You can check-in with this individual and they can relay to others your status as the disaster event unfolds. Take a moment and write yours down in your downloaded <u>DRG</u>.

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Now that you have yours written down – That's One Less Stress for you during the time an emergency unfolds.

As learned in the Ready, Set, Go series, we emphasize <u>safety</u> in evacuation and/or in preparing to stay at home. **The DRG Outlines These Steps**:

Follow the guidance of local authorities,
Learn different ways to get out of your

community (and practice them), and

3) Be ready to go to your safe place.

Take a moment and think about where your safe



place might be as well as a backup.

Assemble your Go Bags and Stay Boxes if you haven't already >> be sure they are easily accessible. The DRG is a one-stop guide for your Go Bag or Stay Box. Refer to your downloaded DRG for guidance on preparing yourself. There are other sources of information available as well such as the <u>CAL FIRE's Ready for Wildfire</u> page or the <u>Department of Homeland Security has an excellent information</u>.



The key to successfully surviving an event is planning and preparation. This is why we are spending the time to discuss and to help our communities to prepare. Disasters happen! Are you prepared?

The DRG (Disaster Response Guide) is available in seven languages. Click on the link <u>here</u>, scroll down the page until you see **Get Prepared**, click on the DOWNLOAD button and select the language of your choice. If you know of someone that has limited English abilities, please guide them to this page. It could save a life.



