

# Natural Disaster Emergency



A natural disaster is a catastrophic event caused by nature such as earthquakes, flooding, high winds and tsunami.

## Contact information

Emergency services	Fire/Police/Ambulance	111
Electricity Supplier		
Civil Defence		
First aid trained person		
Manager		
Neighbour		

## What you need

- First aid kit and medication
- Food and water for at least three days
- Tools and a torch
- Warm, dry clothing

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# What to do

## Flooding

- 1 Turn off gas, electricity and water.
- 2 Go to higher ground and avoid areas subject to flooding.
- 3 Do not attempt to walk across flowing streams or drive through flooded roadways.
- 4 Listen to the radio for civil defence advice and information.
- 5 Don't drink flood water as it may be polluted.

## Tsunami

- 1 One of the signs of a potential tsunami is the occurrence of a very large earthquake that lasts for more than 20 seconds.
- 2 When you get warning of a tsunami, move to higher ground immediately.
- 3 Stay away from the shore. If you can see the tsunami approaching, you are too close to escape.
- 4 If you cannot get to higher ground, stay inside where you are protected from the water.
- 5 Be prepared for multiple waves that can occur minutes apart.
- 6 Listen to radio for civil defence advice and information.
- 7 Be aware of risks such as hypothermia from cold water or drowning.

## Earthquake

- 1 As an ongoing precaution ensure all overhead objects are well secured (screwed down or fixed to walls).
- 2 Assist others if it's safe to do so.
- 3 Report injuries or fires to emergency services.
- 4 Turn off gas, electricity and water.
- 5 Listen to radio for civil defence advice and information.
- 6 Be prepared for aftershocks.

## High winds

- 1 If high winds are forecast tie down equipment and irrigators.
- 2 Check roofs and secure if necessary.
- 3 Stay indoors if possible during the storm.
- 4 After the storm, assess damage and address any new risks as quickly as possible (treelines, overhead wires, buildings and equipment).

## After the event

- Restock emergency supplies.
- Check buildings and structures and carry out repairs.