



GET READY GET THRU

Due to its location and environment, New Zealand faces many potential disasters. In some cases, such as a weather related or volcanic disaster, there may be time for a warning.



But an earthquake or a tsunami close to land could strike without warning. All disasters have the potential to cause disruption, damage property and take lives. So it's vital that you prepare now.



BE PREPARED TO COPE ON YOUR OWN FOR UP TO THREE DAYS, OR MORE

THIS IS WHEN YOU WILL BE MOST VULNERABLE

This information will show you how to look after yourself, your family, home, business and community. It will help you get ready, so you'll get through.

BEFORE A DISASTER YOU SHOULD HAVE

- A Household Emergency Plan
- An Emergency Survival Kit
- A Getaway Kit if you need to be evacuated.



HOW TO GET READY



In New Zealand, the risks posed by natural and man-made hazards are a fact of life. This information will show you how to look after yourself, your family, your home, business and community. Everyone will be affected by a disaster, including the rescuers that we rely on. Immediately after an event, emergency services and civil defence staff will have to respond to the most critical demands. This means they may not get to everyone who needs help as quickly as needed. It could be several days before services are restored. Even then, access may be limited. Damaged infrastructure, such as roads, bridges and rail lines, will take longer to restore.

HERE ARE SOME MEASURES THAT YOU CAN TAKE TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF A DISASTER AND RECOVER QUICKER

- Check with your local council and Civil Defence Emergency Management Group about the warning system in your local community and make sure you know what actions you must take when you hear this warning
- Learn First Aid and Fire Safety Techniques.
- Ensure your insurance cover is adequate and up to date
- Find out how to help others. Get to know your neighbours to see who may need assistance. Consider becoming a volunteer in your community
- When buying a new home, make sure you know what hazards could affect the area. Go to your council and request a LIM (Land Information Memorandum) or PIM (Property Information Memorandum)
- Get ready at work. Know what your workplace emergency plan is

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

Knowing what to do in the event of a disaster can help to keep you and your family safe.

