

# ESP FOCUS

## Inventory Resources



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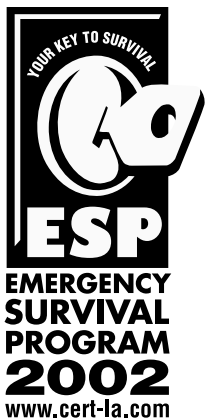
The January 2002 ESP Focus Sheet lists some of the impacts that hypothetical Southern California earthquakes may have on families, neighborhoods, businesses and schools.

In California, local government is the first to respond to emergencies. Additional personnel and equipment from neighboring cities and counties may be available to assist your community if firefighters, law enforcement personnel and other assistance are needed.

After a damaging earthquake or another disaster, individuals, neighborhoods, businesses and schools might be on their own for at least 72 hours.

Your safety and that of your children, neighbors, and co-workers may depend on how well your neighborhood, work or school response teams identify and use available resources.

The reverse side of this ESP Focus Sheet provides tips on resources that emergency response teams can use before an emergency to increase preparedness. Future ESP focus sheets will provide additional information to help your community, business or school to become better prepared.



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## Identifying Resources

After a damaging earthquake, you should be prepared to conduct the following activities for at least 72 hours:

- Provide food and water to those who don't have access to or can't access their own emergency supplies.
- Provide basic first aid to those who are injured.
- Conduct light search and rescue operations to locate and remove those who are trapped.
- Assess obvious external damage to buildings and report the information to local officials.

- Listen to the radio for safety information from government officials.
- Establish communications via hand-held short-range radios, amateur radios, etc.

Members of your Planning Committee should review the questionnaires completed at the organizing meeting to identify people who can help during an emergency. The table below lists some of the people who might be key resources for your team.

Position	Family	Neighborhood	Business	School
Team Leader/ Block Captain	Head of household	Neighborhood leader	Owner	Principal
Training Coordinator	Parent	Teacher	Training Officer	Assistant Principal
Supplies/Resources Coordinator	As applicable	Retired military person	Inventory Chief or Accountant	Faculty or staff member
Hazard Reduction	As applicable	Architect, Engineer, Contractor	Risk Manager, Safety Officer, Facility Manager	Risk Manager, Safety Officer, Facility Manager
First Aid Coordinator	As applicable	Retired doctor, Retired nurse	Health Officer, Nurse	Doctor, Nurse
Personnel Chief	As applicable	Human Resource Coordinator	Human Resource Coordinator	Secretary
Search and Rescue Coordinator	As applicable	As applicable	As applicable	As applicable

## Resources

Local fire, law enforcement, medical services and other responders might be overwhelmed and unable to assist you after a damaging earthquake, but they can help you prepare ahead of time to be self-sufficient. The American Red Cross and other volunteer agencies can also provide information about preparedness for earthquakes and other emergencies. Before the next emergency, contact these organizations about educational publications and videos.

You also can ask these agencies about speakers and training courses. Involve experts from these organizations in your planning, training and any drills you may have. Their observations and input will help improve your preparedness and response. Look for these agencies and organizations in the white pages of your telephone directory.

In addition, the following agencies offer information through their web sites on the World Wide Web:

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
[www.oes.ca.gov](http://www.oes.ca.gov)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

American Red Cross  
[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

Los Angeles Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)  
[www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com)



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