

In Southern California, it's not uncommon to experience a wide variety of potential emergencies. These could include earthquakes, wildfires, storms or flash floods, power failures or heat emergencies, or more routine emergencies like fires, injuries or medical emergencies in the home or workplace. In many cases, first responders will be overwhelmed and won't be able to help you. Are you ready to take care of yourself, your family and your home if something happened now? Could you help neighbors or co-workers? Will you be able to get by if power, gas or water stop flowing, if roads and communications are disrupted, and stores are closed?

September is National Preparedness Month, the time to stop and see how ready you are. It can be the difference between helplessness and recovery. Here are some ways to get started:

- [Sign up to Receive AlertOC Emergency Notifications](#)
- [Emergency Supplies](#)
- [Family Disaster Plan](#)
- [Earthquake Preparedness](#)
- [Wildfire Preparedness](#)