

The seal of the University of Los Alamitos is a circular emblem. It features a central green tree with a red and white striped banner draped across its branches. The banner contains a blue field with a white star. The tree is set against a yellow background. The outer ring of the seal is blue and contains the text "UNIVERSITY OF LOS ALAMITOS" in white capital letters. Below the tree, a blue banner contains the text "Incorporated March 1st 1950" in white. At the bottom of the seal, another blue banner contains the text "Founded in 1784 by Spanish Grant" in white. The entire seal is set against a yellow background.

# Evacuation and Shelter-in-Place

# The most common emergency protective actions are evacuation and shelter-in-place.

- **Evacuation** means to leave the area of actual or potential hazard.



- **Shelter-in-Place** means to stay indoors and implement protective measures. This may be necessary if there isn't enough time to evacuate.



# Create an Evacuation Plan

- Identify primary and secondary evacuation routes in buildings you frequent
- Identify family meeting places; choose a location close to your home and another outside your neighborhood
- If you have a car, keep at least a half tank of gas in it in case you need to evacuate
- If you do not have a car, plan how you will leave if you are required to evacuate
- Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area
- If you are a member of a support network for a disabled individual, be sure to follow your plan to assist them

# When Evacuating...

- Take your emergency supply kit with you
- Lock the door behind you and leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going
- If there is time and space in your car, check with neighbors who may need a ride, especially those who are elderly or disabled
- Shelter availability and locations will be dependent on the type and location of the disaster
- Consider options to stay at a hotel or with friends/relatives; generally, the last place you will want to stay following a disaster is at a public shelter

# Create a Shelter-in-Place Plan

- **Designate a safe room in your home;** it should be an interior room where you are able to close and seal all doors, windows, and vents
- Close and lock all windows and exterior doors
- If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds, or curtains
- Turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.
- Close the fireplace damper
- Get your disaster supplies kit and make sure the radio is working
- Bring your pets with you, and be sure to bring additional food and water supplies for them

## Shelter-in-Place Continued

- Call your emergency contact and have a phone available if you need to report a life-threatening condition
- Use duct tape and heavy plastic sheeting to seal all cracks around the door and any vents into the room
- Keep listening to your radio or television until you are told all is safe or you are told to evacuate
- Shelter-in-place is usually for a few hours, not days or weeks. There is little danger that the room in which you are taking shelter will run out of oxygen and you will suffocate
- If you're in a vehicle, roll the windows up, close vents, turn off the fan and leave the area immediately



**Thank you for joining us in our preparation efforts.**