

Gold Coast Stake Emergency Plan/Resources



● Ensure all Wards and every family has an adequate emergency plan along with appropriate training and reviews. Family plans should be reviewed quarterly, Ward plans annually.

● Stay in our home even if it is damaged until disaster is over and things are back to normal. Unless either it is too dangerous to stay or we are advise/ordered to leave. Go over the plan, contact numbers and prepare your house, animals, emergency and/or evacuation (72 hour) kit etc. as per the GCCC Community Disaster Guide.

● Notify the Stake Welfare Committee of required actions and resource requirements if known.

● Gather reports in from all relevant ward leaders. Assess needs in the following areas:

- Successful implementation of the Ward Emergency Plan
- Medical Assistance, including trauma
- Family separations – all members should be accounted for
- Food, shelter, sanitation and clothing
- Determine Church building state of readiness to serve as an emergency evacuation centre.

Report to Area Seventy or Presidency of status and additional resource requirements as necessary.

● Coordinate Stake resources and assist community authorities to help with:

- Protecting property
- Preparing for further disaster e.g. sandbagging
- Trauma assistance
- Locating lost family members
- Clean up once the disaster has passed

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Checklist of Responsibilities of Church Leaders:

1. Rescue people whose lives are threatened
2. Provide First Aid
3. Account for all members – use land line or mobile phone numbers
4. Provide emergency water, food, clothing, and housing
5. Restore normal living conditions as soon as possible
6. Prevent or limit property damage
7. Fortify social, emotional and spiritual strength
8. Report to the next higher organisation level. Your report should include:
 - a. Contact Details:
 - i. Your Name
 - ii. Your Title
 - iii. Your Unit
 - iv. How can you be reached?
 - b. Description, location and magnitude of dead.
 - c. Names of any injured, missing or dead.
 - d. Exact location and extent of property damage.
 - e. Number of persons needed to provide assistance and specific tasks to be done.
 - f. Number of people who need skilled medical help.
 - g. Actions being undertaken to help those in distress.
 - h. Number of Quorums and family members available to provide assistance, including medicine, food, water, clothing, shelter, fuel and fast offering funds.
 - i. Assistance needed that is unavailable in the unit affected, including medicine, food, water, clothing, shelter, fuel and fast offering.
 - j. Name of spokesman designated to answer queries. On a stake level - The Stake President is the spokesman for all matters.

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Responding to Emergencies

Responsibilities of the stake welfare committee

After ensuring that their families are cared for, the stake welfare committee should convene to:

1. Review any instructions Stake Presidency and/or counsel from civil authorities.
2. Determine an initial course of action.
3. Monitor the implementation and effectiveness of the Ward Emergency Plan.
4. Confirm overall responsibilities, making sure that key priesthood leaders, Relief Society leaders, and others are available to minister to the people and that others, as assigned, focus on the physical arrangements needed at the time.
5. Make an initial assessment of the condition of members and others.
6. Set the time and method for follow-up communications.

If Stake Welfare Committee is unable to convene:

High Councilmen & Relief Society President to report to Stake Executive Secretary for allocation of assignments, if Executive Secretary un-contactable, contact Stake Clerk If Stake Clerk is un-contactable, contact Assistant Stake Clerk, if Assistant Stake Clerk is un-contactable, contact the 2nd councillor in Stake Presidency then 1st Councillor.

If the stake president is not available when an emergency occurs, his counsellors will direct response efforts. (The stake presidency should determine who will direct response efforts in case no member of the presidency is available.)

Priority of actions in an emergency

1. Assist those who are injured or in danger.
2. Account for all members.
3. Assist families that have been separated to reunite as soon as possible.
4. Arrange for temporary shelter and other selected services as necessary.
5. Review damage to homes and apartments, and determine ways neighbours can assist one another.
6. If necessary, establish emergency shelters for those in need. Obtain Area Presidency approval if a Church meetinghouse will be used as an emergency shelter.
7. Provide emergency water, food, clothing & housing
8. Restore normal living conditions as soon as possible
9. Prevent or limit property damage
10. Fortify social, emotional & spiritual strength
11. Report to the next higher organisation level

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Emergency Contact Numbers

Ambulance	Local 131 233	Urgent 000
Fire	Local	Urgent 000
Police	Police Link 131444	Urgent 000
State Emergency Service	National 132 500	QLD Local
Red Cross	55 397000	
GCCC Disaster Hot Line	1800 606 000	
Weather forecast & storm warning	www.bom.gov.au	
GCCC Customer Contact Centre	1300 366 692 - Water and Wastewater select option 2	
Volunteer Marine Rescue	Southport 5591 1300	
Gold Coast Hospital	General Enquiries 5519 8211	
Allamanda Private Hospital	24hr emergency care centre 5591 9400	
Pindara Private Hospital	5588 9888	
Aged Care Info	1800 500 853	
Kids Help Line	National 1800 551 800	
Department Communities - Child Safety	QLD 1800 81 1810	
Child Protection Help-line	NSW 13 21 11	
Commonwealth Respite Care-link	1800 052 222	
Parentline Counselling	1300 301 300	
Electricity / Gas Emergencies (Energex)	13 19 62	
GCCC after hours Emergency	1800 637 000	
Poisons Information	National 13 11 26	
Community Leaders		
	Name	Mobile Phone
Red Cross		
Depart of Emergency Services		
Gold Coast Council		
Church Contacts in priority of contact for all occasions stating from the top		
	Name	Mobile Phone
Stake Executive Secretary		
Stake Presidency Member		
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Stake President		
Area Seventy		
Area Presidency 2 nd Counsellor		
Area Presidency 1 st Counsellor		
Area President		
Church Headquarters Emergency Number		0011 881621449088