

Public Safety Fact Sheet

A publication of the Washington County Anti-Terrorism Advisory Committee

In response to recent world and national events, representatives from police and fire agencies, local governments, health officials and emergency managers within Washington County have increased coordination and communication. The goal of this effort, known as the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Committee (ATAC), is to help ensure an effective countywide response to a major public safety incident. Additionally, ATAC is committed to enhancing public safety by educating the community on topics of public interest and concern through an on-going series of informational fact sheets.

What You Can Do to Prepare your Family

In this time of uncertainty, you may be wondering, "How do I prepare for the unknown?" Prepare for terrorism as you would for any disaster – flood, earthquake, and winter storm – because, the reality is, you are likely to experience those disasters before you face an act of terrorism. One of the most important things you can do to ensure your family's safety and comfort is to create a **72-Hour Kit** with emergency supplies, including food, water, battery-operated radio, flashlights, extra batteries, first-aid kit, money, blankets, heavy gloves, tools, etc. Most 72-Hour Kits can be created rather easily and inexpensively (less than \$200).

Oregon's history of winter storms and earthquake risk, coupled with recent terrorism alerts concerning threats to utility companies, serve as good reminders of the importance of developing a plan for **Power Outages**. If you find yourself without electricity, how will you cook, or heat and light your home SAFELY?

Remember that candles are a fire hazard and NEVER use charcoal briquettes or outdoor equipment (propane or kerosene heaters) indoors because of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Also, cordless phones and garage door openers will not function if the power goes out. If you plan to use a generator, ensure your safety – never plug into a wall outlet and ALWAYS use in a well-ventilated area.

**For a Safer
Tomorrow... Plan
and Prepare
TODAY
(Topic #3)**

Who to Call for a Power Outage

PGE Emergency Outage
Response: (503) 464-7777
Toll-Free: 1-800-544-1795

Forest Grove Light & Power
Daytime: (503) 992-3250
After Hours: (503) 992-3260

**West Oregon
Electric Cooperative**
(503) 429-3021

Contacts for More Information:

Office of Consolidated Emergency Management: (503) 649-8577

Related Web Sites:

www.ocem.org
www.portlandgeneral.com
www.redcross-pdx.org

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