

CALIFORNIA STATE RETIREES

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California Master Plan for Aging

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Goal 4: Economic Security and Safety. We will have economic security and be safe from abuse, neglect, exploitation, and natural disasters and emergencies throughout our lives.

Objective 4.3: Californians, as communities and as individuals, will plan, prepare and respond to disasters and emergencies fully including the needs and vulnerabilities of older adults and people with disabilities.

Recommendations:

1. Designate local first responder locations in each community.
2. Allow for notification by local residents who would need assistance to evacuate in an emergency.
 - a. Identify what may be needed to facilitate evacuation of resident.
 - b. Ensure necessary medications/medical equipment will accompany resident.
 - c. Register emergency contact party for evacuee.
3. Allow for transportation to appointments (medical, dental etc.).
 - a. Include transportation to local community functions, churches, senior centers, local meetings, voting, etc.
4. Identify a well-check procedure for individuals who are shut in.

Target Population and Numbers: All adults Californians, especially those with a disability, older adults, caregivers, and those residing in rural counties.