

# Emergency Preparedness Services Newsletter

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## Watch, Warning, or Order What does it mean for me?

During the year, we will sometimes hear a media alert telling us to be aware or take action due to severe weather, sometimes a local incident or an event. Most importantly, PREPARE for these incidents by having a “Go Bag” ready, a prearranged place to evacuate to, if possible, and a plan (including a communication plan with emergency contacts like friends and family). Knowing what the situation is and planning what you will do will give you the best chance of taking the right safety steps until the emergency is over.

**Watch:** This instruction is simply to watch the situation and be aware of any danger or possible hazard that may be affecting your neighborhood or city. You may be asked to stay out of the location until it is safe to enter, or the first responders have finished working at the incident. This may be from an accident or a weather event that causes dangerous conditions like flooding, excessive heat or a fire. If you are aware of an announced “watch” (sometimes called an “Advisory”) you should begin preparing to take action if the situation worsens and becomes a warning.

**Warning:** If a warning is issued, take action as advised by the Emergency Authorities. You may be asked to shelter in place or to evacuate voluntarily. If you have barriers to evacuation but are told as a precaution to evacuate (for example if you use a wheelchair or special medical equipment, begin to pack up and make arrangements to leave. Or, for example, if you are advised to stay inside and to hydrate during an excessive heat event, follow those instructions.

**Order:** As you continue to monitor the incident, you may hear through the media that an Evacuation Order has been issued due to the emergency. That means there’s an immediate threat to your life and you need to leave right now! Because you are prepared, (if you have not already left for a safe place to stay) you are ready to leave. Remember to take your go bag and pets and their go bags. Follow the instructions of the local authorities and seek local shelters or friends and families outside the danger zone. This order has the force of law. If you go against this order, you could endanger others. Stay Safe!



### Coordinators Meeting: Handling a Medical Emergency at Work

All Emergency Coordinators are invited to attend the bimonthly Emergency Coordinators Meeting on March 26, 2025 at 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM at Fresno Fire Department HQ, 911 H Street, Fresno.

This informational newsletter is provided by the City of Fresno for the purpose of assisting in emergency preparedness within the community.

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## READY TO RESPOND

**Training:** Have you had the safety training you may need in an emergency (all that apply to your work)? For example:

- First aid or CPR certification
- Proper use of equipment and PPE- remember to “glove up!”.
- Food Handling and preparation.
- Cybersecurity
- Use of infection control best practices.
- Heat Safety
- Security and prevention of workplace violence.

### Can you answer these questions?



- ❖ Who are the Emergency Coordinators in your location?
- ❖ Where is the Designated Assembly Site for your workplace in case of an evacuation?
- ❖ What are the locations of First Aid Kits in your workplace?