

# Emergency Preparedness Services Newsletter

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## Workplace Emergency Evacuation Plans: ARE YOU READY?

Emergency Evacuation plans are vital to workplace safety and are designed to ensure quick and orderly evacuation during an emergency such as a fire, earthquake, and chemical spills. Orienting new employees and regularly reviewing these procedures informs staff about the safest exit routes, assembly areas once evacuated, and any other duties needed in the emergency.

Practice drills should be conducted with staff, visitors, and the public, if applicable. The purpose of the drill is to help all present understand what to do during an evacuation and to identify any issues or missing information. For example: Are emergency evacuation maps posted in the facility? Can everyone evacuate in a calm and efficient manner? Where is the assembly area? These considerations will significantly affect the outcome of an actual emergency and reduce potential harm. Emergency Coordinators and Safety Officers can prepare the staff for drills with these steps:

- Check to see that posted evacuation maps are up to date and located where staff will see them and read them (break room, over the copier, exits).
- Include safety and evacuation procedures in discussions with department/unit staff.
- Provide a practice drill once or twice a year and document the needed improvements, incorporating them into the next training.

### Water Safety During the Summer Months

Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death in children ages 1-4 years. A child can drown in 20 seconds - the same amount of time it takes to send a text. Keep these tips in mind as you take to the water this summer:

- ✓ Focused, constant supervision is key to prevention of drowning or near drowning accidents.
- ✓ Life vests should be worn by all swimmers.
- ✓ Stay near the swimmer and be ready with rescue skills like CPR.
- ✓ Be aware of any hazards in lakes and rivers like submerged branches and swim in safe areas.

For City Splash Pad and Pool locations, see: [Activities & Recreational Programs – City of Fresno](#)

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### Celebrate the 4th of July Safely

- Purchase only “Safe & Sane” fireworks from local, non-profit, Fresno Fire Department approved stands.
- Consider attending one of the big, professional shows.
- Only allow adults to light fireworks.
- Never light fireworks close to a building where sparks or embers may cause a fire.
- Place fireworks on a non-flammable surface like concrete.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby to submerge used fireworks and ensuring they are completely extinguished.
- Citations can be given for use of illegal fireworks and fines to the property owner where they are set off. Fines can be thousands of dollars.

See the COF website PSA (scroll down):

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