



NEWS RELEASE

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(It's an Emergency! Do You Know Where Your Family Is?)

Disasters can strike without warning and when they do, families can be separated. To further complicate anxiety, phone service may be limited or non-working. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue encourages every family to develop a [Family Communication Plan](#) now – before a disaster strikes.

Family Communication Plan

- Make a list of the places that each family member frequents on a daily or routine basis (home, work, school, friend's house, etc.) and document the phone and/or cell numbers for each.
- Make copies of the list and keep it close at hand (home, work, child's backpack, personal vehicle).
- Don't forget to include an out-of-state contact person. In some situations, local phone lines may be disrupted, while long-distance phone lines remain in service. Instruct each family member – if separated - to call this person to check-in and relay information on their welfare.
- Families may also want to designate a reunion site in case they are separated and unable to return to their home.

To assist families in documenting their information, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has free [Family Preparedness Wallet Cards](#). These are can be downloaded at www.tvfr.com or requested by calling 503-649-8577.

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