

## Emergency Situations

In some emergency situations, the safest action is to stay inside. In other emergencies, it may be safer to leave the building or evacuate an entire area. It all depends on the particular type of emergency. Be prepared for any situation. You will be advised by the Police or other Emergency Services of the need to evacuate.

1. Go inside any building. Close external doors and turn off air conditioners.
2. Close windows and pull curtains and blinds.
3. Turn on the radio and television and listen for Police messages.

Radio: 891AM, 1485AM or 693AM

ABC TV

Remain indoors until you are given the all clear.

4. Keep phones free unless it is really urgent.
5. Co-operate fully with Emergency Services.

## Three Vital Rules

If you leave your house or building because of an emergency:

1. Listen for emergency warnings and safety advice on radio.

Radio: 891AM, 1485AM or 693AM

2. Turn off power, gas, water and secure doors and windows (if it is safe to do so).
3. Take your survival kit with you.

## How To Prepare An Emergency Kit

**PREPARE YOUR EMERGENCY KIT IN ADVANCE. KEEP IT IN A PROMINENT LOCATION. ENSURE THE KIT IS PORTABLE AND MAINTAINED.**



1. Battery operated AM/FM radio and torch with spare batteries.



2. Supply of water and non-perishable food.



3. Don't forget personal items including medication and toiletries.



4. Basic First Aid Kit and Manual.

Further information on emergency management can be obtained from Council's website:

[www.elliston.sa.gov.au](http://www.elliston.sa.gov.au)

[www.ema.gov.au](http://www.ema.gov.au)

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# RESIDENTS' EMERGENCY GUIDE

**A step-by-step guide to what  
you need to know and do  
in an emergency**

# Everybody Needs An Emergency Plan And Kit

What would you do if you had to face an emergency at home or at work?

Knowing what needs to be done makes it easier to stay calm if an emergency should occur. Preparation is the key to survival.

By planning ahead, you can reduce the risk of injury and damage to property. The steps outlined in this brochure are easy to follow and the time to act is NOW.

Don't wait until it's too late.

## Council's Role

Whilst the Council is not the lead agency to respond to any emergency, Council does have a support role. Councils provide a diverse range of services, some of which have emergency management components, including fire prevention, land use planning, stormwater management and public and environmental health.

Local Government is often best placed to determine and respond to local needs and priorities and Council is often the first point of contact for the public during an emergency event.

## Council's Plan

The District Council of Elliston has an Emergency Management Plan (EMP) to deal with a variety of emergency situations within the District. The EMP is an internal Council document to enable Council personnel to manage and assist during emergency situations in an efficient and timely manner.

Copies of the plan can be viewed at the Elliston Council Office or from the Council's website ([www.elliston.sa.gov.au](http://www.elliston.sa.gov.au)).

As part of being prepared, Council encourages schools, public buildings, businesses and residents to have plans in place for emergency situations.

# Your Own Plan

## Preparing an Emergency Plan

Since you can't prevent an emergency occurring, it makes good sense to take a few basic precautions to prepare your family and your home.

1. Check you have adequate household and content's insurance.
2. Find out where to turn off power, gas and water supplies.
3. Store important documents like wills, passports, photos and birth certificates in a fire/water resistant container or safe deposit box.
4. Prepare an emergency kit and keep it in a prominent place.
5. Write down emergency telephone numbers and keep them in a prominent place.

## Involve The Family

Every member of your household needs to understand their role. Decide how and where you will locate each other if not at home.

Nominate responsibility for collecting your children or pets and checking on older neighbours. It's a good idea to consider an out of town relative or friend to be a single contact point, in case people are separated during a widespread emergency.

## Learn Basic First Aid

Knowing the basics of first aid can be very useful in any emergency and you are encouraged to enrol in an accredited first aid course. Basic first aid can help you to cope until professional medical assistance arrives.

# Be Prepared

If required by Police or Emergency Services to evacuate a house or building, it is important to agree in advance on a meeting place a safe distance from the hazard. Practise evacuation procedures, including a head count. If you are advised by Police or Emergency Services to evacuate an area during an emergency, leave immediately, travel as a group and follow Emergency Services' instructions.

In planning for evacuation, consider the special needs of children, older people and people with disabilities, identify several escape routes and don't forget your pets.

## Stay Calm

In an emergency situation, try to focus on keeping yourself and others calm. Assist others where possible with their problems and stay tuned to the radio for emergency information and emergency contact numbers.

Common Radio stations in region are 891AM, 1485AM and 693AM.

Pre-check and tune you radio according to frequency access.

Emergency Services will be working with you.

## OTHER EMERGENCY NUMBERS

These numbers should only be used if you are facing a personal or direct threat.

**000**

**FOR URGENT POLICE,  
FIRE AND AMBULANCE  
ATTENDANCE**

**8687 9177**

**COUNCIL DURING  
WORKING HOURS**

Put these and other emergency phone numbers into your mobile phone and have them at your disposal (e.g. visible within the house, in your car and in your wallet).