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Let's get ready

The better prepared we all are for a major emergency, the easier it will be for us to get through it.

An emergency can range from an earthquake to a pandemic. And while we can't predict emergencies, by taking some simple steps, we can prepare for them.

In an emergency, civil defence and first responders will be very busy and will prioritise the people who need them the most. It's up to us as individuals and as a community to be as prepared as we can be.

The Wānaka Community Response Group (CRG) is made up of passionate volunteers who have committed to volunteering their time to help ensure our local community is ready and prepared for an emergency.

The Wānaka CRG will provide support for the community across Wānaka North, Wānaka Central and Wānaka West. The group will operate from an emergency hub at the Lake Wānaka Centre (or nearby if the Centre is compromised) with trained coordinators both at the hub and out in the coverage area with radio contact.

You can play your part by signing up to Otago Gets Ready and following the tips on the next page for getting ready.

For more information or to volunteer to help Wānaka CRG please email: wanakacrg@gmail.com

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Wānaka Community Emergency Preparedness

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Sign up to Otago Gets Ready for emergency alerts

You can also register any special assistance that you may need as well as skills or resources you may be able to offer, helping us all to look after each other in an emergency event. Sign up at otago.getready.net



Or scan the QR code below.



Tips for getting ready

Check out www.getready.govt.nz for more ideas on how to prepare.



MAKE A HOUSEHOLD PLAN

Emergencies can happen at any time, think about where you might be - at work, at school, in town. How would you contact your loved ones? Have a chat with the people in your household and work out what you'll do.

Consider tenants and visitors. Will they know what to do in an emergency situation?

Don't forget to prepare for your four-legged friends.



PUT TOGETHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Make sure you have supplies to last at least three days. That includes food for all members of your household, as well as water - three litres per person per day.

Think about medication and any other special items for your household.

Remember pets and babies!

Have a grab bag ready in case you need to leave your house in a hurry.



MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER

Use brackets or straps to secure tall and heavy furniture to the wall.

Secure or move heavy/fragile items off higher shelves.

Make sure you know how to turn off the power, gas and water to your property.

Think about external rainwater storage.



After a major earthquake roads and bridges may be impassable. Power and phones may be cut off, and the water supply and sewerage system may not work.

The Wānaka Community Response Group will open a community Hub at **1** the Lake Wānaka Centre in the first instance. If the venue is unsafe the hub will be set up at either **2** Wānaka Community Hub, **3** Wānaka Presbyterian Community Church or **4** Upper Clutha Rugby Club.