### 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 Shotover Lake Hayes Community
Response Group 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 group will open up a Community Emergency Hub at the Shotover Primary School if one is needed. For example, in an earthquake, wildfire, or extended power outage. The hub will be a place for people to come to find out information, to ask for help or to offer skills and resources to help others.

For more information: info@shotoverhayes.org www.shotoverhayes.org



# 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.getsready.net



Or scan the QR code below.







### **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 Shotover Lake Hayes Community Response Group will open up a community emergency hub if one is needed at the Shotover Primary School \* or at another venue nearby if the building is unsafe.

