Let's get ready

No one likes to think about the worst-case scenario but the better prepared we all are, the easier it will be for us to get through an emergency.

Given our location, the first thing that springs to mind when we think about an emergency event is a major earthquake. It's important we all know what to do in that situation but, as COVID-19 has taught us, unexpected events can take many forms.

We can't predict emergencies but, 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 Kelvin Peninsula Emergency Response Group (KPERG) will set up an emergency hub at the Croquet Club in Jardine Park.

Coordinators for 11 zones on the Peninsula will assess and report on injuries and damage to the Hub.

Community shelters will be set up for those in need at Lakeland Park Christian Camp and the Queenstown Golf Club.

For more information or to volunteer to help KPERG please email: talk2kpca@gmail.com



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 gas and water to your property.

Think about external rainwater storage.

Consider a temporary toilet facility in case the Peninsula's main sewer line is damaged.

