

## Sukyo Mahikari Emergency Communications Advisory (May 2015)

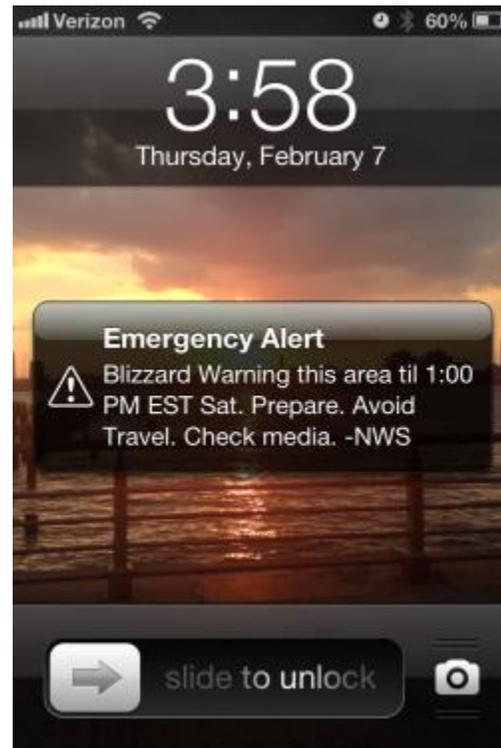
### Sign Up to Receive Emergency Alerts

Knowing what you should do before, during, and after an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count.

Many local, state, and territorial governments maintain alert services that send emergency information to citizens by text message, telephone, and email.

These free services typically broadcast weather warnings, evacuation info, active shooter alerts, and other critical notices.

Emergency alert services are available near most of the centers in North America. We urge you to sign up to receive alerts from your local government so that you can receive the most up-to-date guidance and information during emergencies.



### Emergency Alert Services near Sukyo Mahikari Centers

Albuquerque	<a href="https://local.nixle.com/city/nm/albuquerque/">https://local.nixle.com/city/nm/albuquerque/</a>
Atlanta	<a href="http://goo.gl/ZtK4Jz">http://goo.gl/ZtK4Jz</a>
Chicago	<a href="http://goo.gl/Vb0qYa">http://goo.gl/Vb0qYa</a>
Cincinnati	<a href="http://www.hamiltoncountyohioema.org/">http://www.hamiltoncountyohioema.org/</a>
Edmonton	<a href="http://www.emergencyalert.alberta.ca/content/about/signup.html">http://www.emergencyalert.alberta.ca/content/about/signup.html</a>
Hawaii	<a href="http://www.honolulu.gov/dem/notificationalert.html">http://www.honolulu.gov/dem/notificationalert.html</a>
Houston	<a href="http://www.houstonemergency.org/go/doc/2263/1916165/">http://www.houstonemergency.org/go/doc/2263/1916165/</a>
Miami	<a href="http://www.miamidade.gov/alerts/">http://www.miamidade.gov/alerts/</a>
Michigan	<a href="https://wayne.alertpa.org/index.php?CCheck=1">https://wayne.alertpa.org/index.php?CCheck=1</a>
Montreal	<a href="http://goo.gl/XB5Tis">http://goo.gl/XB5Tis</a>
New York	<a href="http://goo.gl/czNgT4">http://goo.gl/czNgT4</a>
Pasadena	<a href="http://www.cityofpasadena.net/fire/PLEAS/">http://www.cityofpasadena.net/fire/PLEAS/</a>
Phoenix	<a href="http://www.maricopa.gov/Emerg_Mgt/CENS.aspx">http://www.maricopa.gov/Emerg_Mgt/CENS.aspx</a>
Puerto Rico	Sign up with weather.com for alerts: <a href="https://profile.weather.com/#/">https://profile.weather.com/#/</a>
Rancho Santa Margarita	<a href="http://bos.ocgov.com/alertoc/alertoc.asp">http://bos.ocgov.com/alertoc/alertoc.asp</a>
San Francisco	<a href="https://alertsf.org/">https://alertsf.org/</a>
Seattle	<a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare/RPIN.aspx">http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/prepare/RPIN.aspx</a>
Toronto	<a href="http://goo.gl/vnCD6D">http://goo.gl/vnCD6D</a>
Torrance	<a href="http://www.torranceca.gov/TPD/28447.htm">http://www.torranceca.gov/TPD/28447.htm</a>
Vancouver	<a href="http://www.emergencyinfbc.gov.bc.ca/question/emergency-alerts/">http://www.emergencyinfbc.gov.bc.ca/question/emergency-alerts/</a>
Washington, DC	<a href="http://hsema.dc.gov/page/alertdc">http://hsema.dc.gov/page/alertdc</a>

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### Communicating with Your Family during Emergencies

During major disasters, it's quite possible that the phone lines will be congested or even fail completely. Families should prepare for the possibility that they will be unable to communicate with each other for an extended period of time. However, depending upon the disaster, it may still be possible to communicate using a few key methods, including:

#### Having an Out-of-Town Contact

Even if the local lines are congested, it may still be possible to place a long-distance call. Ask a trusted family member or friend to serve as your family's out-of-town contact during emergencies. This person would be responsible for relaying messages back and forth between you and your family members in the disaster area. Write down your out-of-town contact's name, telephone number, and email, and make sure that every family member keeps a copy in his wallet, purse, or emergency backpack. For quick access, add the contact to the "favorites" list on your smart phone.

#### Text Messaging and Email

Try text messaging your loved ones from your wireless phone. In many cases, a text will go through even when a call will not. This will also be of benefit to your local emergency responders. Staying off the phone will minimize network congestion and free up space on the network for emergency communications.

Email may be another possibility during some emergencies. If your electricity goes out, but secure Wi-Fi is available in your community, you may be able to use your computer or tablet to go online and send emails.

#### Social Media

Social media sites, such as Facebook and Twitter, have proven to be helpful tools during emergencies. Encourage your family members to post a note on social media to let everyone know that they are OK following a disaster.

#### ***But what if the landlines, cell phone towers, and Internet are not working at all?***

This is why it is so important to have a family emergency plan. Designate 2 or 3 places where your family can meet if you are separated when disaster strikes. Make sure that everyone is familiar with the location of your family meeting places and practice getting to them on a regular basis. If you have children, identify someone who can step in and take care of them if you cannot reach them right away. Having a plan for your family will help to reduce confusion and stress in the midst of a disaster.