

SHELTER AND EVACUATION GUIDE

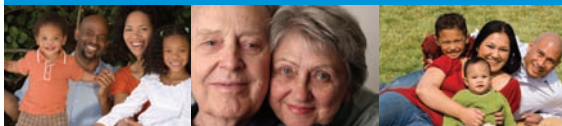
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Evacuation routes are identified by the stars and bars symbol on street signs.



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Planning for what to do before an emergency is an important part of being prepared.

This brochure will help you:

- *Understand the evacuation and sheltering options available to you in your ward.*
- *Create an Emergency Kit.*
- *Find official information in an emergency.*



Evacuation Notification

In an emergency, officials will notify residents and visitors of potential hazards, incidents, events, and whether it is safest to evacuate or shelter in place. Official information sources include the following:

The Emergency Information Center (EIC) Website

- Sign up for emergency text messages on your cell phone, e-mail, pager, or fax at www.Alert.dc.gov.
- DC online 24/7 emergency information source.


DC Emergency Voice Alert, or “Reverse 911”

- Voice messaging system that allows emergency managers to notify citizens during an emergency.
- Citizens are automatically enrolled.

DC Emergency Alert System

- Partnership with local radio stations as part of the emergency alert system.
- Listen to these channels for emergency information.

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| WTOP | 103.5 FM | WKYS | 93.9 FM |
| WMAL | 630 AM | WJZW | 105.9 FM |
| WPRS | 104.1 FM | WPGC | 95.5 FM |

 **Note:** If you are unable to receive Alert DC notifications, please contact 311, the police non-emergency line.
Or please visit: <http://hsema.dc.gov>

Protection Options: Shelter in Place or Evacuate?

Whenever possible, you should follow instructions from emergency personnel in deciding whether to shelter in place or evacuate. In many cases, it is safest to remain indoors.

Shelter-in Place

- Stay inside a safe building—your house, workplace, school, or other building—or enter a nearby building and seek cover.
- Shelter in a room with the fewest doors and/or windows.
- Seal doors, windows, and fireplaces and turn off ventilation and hot air heating systems.

Public Assembly Points (Safe Havens)

- Temporary holding area for small groups providing a **safe haven** until shelter location can be established.
- Fire stations and libraries are community safe havens.



Potential Ward 8 Shelter Locations

These shelters have been pre-identified, but may not be used in every event. Check official and news sources to find the best place to go if you are seeking shelter.

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| Malcolm X Elementary School | 1351 Alabama Avenue, S.E. (202)767-7074 |
| Ballou Senior High School | 3401 4 th Street, S.E. (202) 767-7071 |
| Wilkinson Elementary School | 2330 Pomeroy Road, S.E. (202) 767-7313 |
| Anacostia Senior High School | 1601 16 th Street, S.E. (202) 767-7313 |
| Turner Elementary School | 3264 Stanton Road, S.E. (202) 767-7101 |
| Kramer Middle School | 1700 Q Street, S.E. (202) 767- 7080 |
| M.C. Terrell / McGoney Elementary School | 3301 Wheeler Road, S.E. (202) 645- 3740 |

Evacuation

There are 19 primary event evacuation routes out of the city that are marked with DC flags in the right-hand corner of the street sign. Pennsylvania Avenue will be the north/south dividing line during an evacuation. No vehicles will be permitted to cross Pennsylvania Avenue during an evacuation.

Also, during a major event or emergency situation, the critical intersections on the event evacuation routes within DC will be staffed by uniformed law enforcement officers. The direction of the evacuation will be dictated by the incident in relation to your ward, home, or business. When evacuation is ordered, occupants of the city have a number of options such as walking out, and using private or public transportation.

Walk Out

- Walking is an effective means of evacuating.
- Keep a good pair of walking shoes at your work, school, or business.
- Stay on the sidewalk. Do not block event evacuation routes or secondary arteries.

Private Transportation

- Identify the closest event evacuation route to you. Take your Emergency Kit with you.

Public Transportation

- Transit providers such as the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and others will have service running on normal schedules wherever possible. Check the official information sources to find out how the public transportation system may be affected.



Ward 8 Event Evacuation Routes

Residents should be familiar with all event evacuation routes that lead in and out of their specific wards. DC event emergency routes can be identified by green signs that read “To Downtown” and “To Interstate.”

Major Event Evacuation Routes in Ward 8

| | | |
|--------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Alabama Ave | 13 th Street | Minnesota Ave |
| Wheeler Road | 25 th Street | Atlantic Street |
| Southern Ave | I-295 North or South Bound | South Capitol Street |
| Naylor Road | Malcolm X Ave | Good Hope Road |

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Emergency Kit

Store the following items in an easy-to-carry container such as a back pack or duffle bag:

- **Water** - At least a three-day supply per person.
- **Food** - Three-to-five-day supply of non-perishable ready-to-eat meals.
- **Medication / First Aid Kit** - Prescription medications for at least a week.
- **Sanitation** - Toilet paper, paper towels, soap, antibacterial soap and wipes, sanitary and personal hygiene products.
- **Clothing** - One change of clothes per person, comfortable shoes, and rain wear.
- **Communication** - Portable radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.
- **Bedding** - Sleeping bag and essential bedding.

Pet Evacuation

If you must evacuate, take your pets with you if possible. However, if you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that animals may not be allowed inside. Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both you and your pets.

Prepare a Pet Emergency Go Kit

- Bowl, food, medication, plastic bags, paper towels.
- ID collar, rabies tags, leash, carrier, or cage.
- Veterinary records.
- A three-day supply of food and water.

Special Needs

If you have a family member with special needs, or a neighbor who lives alone, find out how to help them get necessary care to where they can be cared for properly during an emergency.

- Wear medical alert tags and bracelets to identify your disability.
- Keep writing materials on hand, if you have speech, language, or hearing disabilities.

Buddy System

Working with neighbors in an emergency can save lives and property. Meet with your community members to plan how you can help your neighbors community and those with special needs, such as people with disabilities and elderly persons.

School, Daycare, and Recreation Centers

Parents should learn their children's school and/or daycare providers' emergency plans.

- Be familiar with your children's emergency pick-up locations.
- Ask how the facilities will communicate with families during an evacuation.

Returning Home

Emergency officials will determine when it is safe for residents to move back into their homes. Be assured this notification will happen as soon as possible.

- Return notices will be announced through the media as well as at road blocks, safety zones and shelters.



Important District Telephone Numbers

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| Police and Fire Emergency | 911 |
| Police Non-Emergency | 311 |
| The Mayor's Citywide Call Center | (202) 727-1000 |
| DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (24-hour) | (202) 727-6161 |
| For the hearing impaired | (202) 730-0488 |
| Department of Mental Health Access HelpLine | (888) 793-4357 |
| American Red Cross, National Capital Chapter | (202) 728-6401 |
| Verizon (phone) | (800) 275-2355 |
| PEPCO (electric) | |
| Customer service | (202) 833-7500 |
| Power outages | (877) PEPCO-62 |
| Life-threatening emergencies | (202) 872-3432 |
| Poison Control Center | (800) 222-1222 |
| Washington Gas | |
| Customer service | (202) 624-6049 |
| Natural Gas Emergency Number | (703) 750-1400 |
| DC Water and Sewer Authority | (202) 787-2000 |
| Water and Sewer Emergency Number | (202) 612-3400 |
| DC Department of Health | (202) 671-5000 |
| West Nile Virus Call Center (Department of Health) | (202) 535-2323 |
| DC Animal Control (24-hour) | (202) 576-6664 |