



## Basic Emergency Evacuation Procedures

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### Why Evacuate?

An evacuation of Grand Canyon National Park may be necessary due to a wildland fire, a hazardous materials incident, natural disaster, or a hostage or terrorism incident.

### Evacuation Notification

The signal for all residents to evacuate will be a continuous sounding of the **fire siren for five minutes or longer**. This signal may be repeated. The prolonged siren activation may be used in conjunction with broadcast radio announcements, through the Emergency Alert System (EAS). EAS announcements can be heard on several local radio stations including

- **KAFF** 930 AM and 92.9 FM
- **KNAU** 90.3 FM (GRAND CANYON) & 88.7 FM (FLAGSTAFF)



- ▶ **CODE RED & READY! COCONINO** is an emergency notification system operated by Coconino County. The system uses E-911 databases and GIS information to broadcast emergency notifications by telephone. Due to limitations in local phone databases, Grand Canyon residents are strongly encouraged to self register their home phone and cell phone through <http://coconino.az.gov/readycoconino>
- ▶ Other notification might include emergency vehicle public address systems or door-to-door contact.
- ▶ **INCIDENT INFORMATION CENTER**- During a large-scale emergency, the Park's **Incident Information Center** will be activated. Please contact the **Incident Information Center** recorded information line at (928) 638-7688.

### Partial Area Evacuations

Local emergency conditions may require the immediate need for a **Partial or Neighborhood Evacuation**. Park emergency personnel will contact residents directly. Please follow their instructions.

### Evacuation Routes

In the event of an evacuation, all evacuation routes will be marked with signs and/or personnel assigned to direct traffic. It is critical that you follow the designated evacuation routes and any instructions provided by emergency or law enforcement personnel.

### Evacuation Collection Centers

For the **South Rim** Evacuation Collection Centers will be established in **Williams and/or Flagstaff** by the American Red Cross in conjunction with Coconino County Emergency Services. These Centers will be used for registration, information, and assistance. Locations are not pre-established; they will be announced during the evacuation process.

**Inner Canyon** Collection Centers include Indian Gardens and Phantom Ranch.

**North Rim** Collection Center may include the Fredonia School or another site established by the American Red Cross.

### Registration and Accountability

You are not required to stay at an Evacuation Collection Center. However, it is imperative that you register there so your location is available to local officials and relatives. ***Every family should establish and practice evacuation plans for times when members may be separated. A relative or friend should be established as an emergency contact where all family members would call to exchange information and reconnect.***

**NPS employees** must call **1-800-901-3880** to register within 24 hours of being evacuated. All others should contact their respective employers.

## **SAFETY ZONES** – a Safety Zone is a large open area to use if you cannot safely evacuate the Park

During an evacuation, where leaving the Park is not possible, remaining evacuees would be directed to these Safety Zones:

- SOUTH RIM Grand Canyon Visitor Center Parking Area
- DESERT VIEW Watchtower Parking Area
- NORTH RIM North Kaibab Trail Head Parking Area, Demotte & Little Park areas, Cape Royal Parking Area, W-1 Road (The Basin), North Kaibab Trail below the Supai Tunnel
- INNER CANYON Indian Gardens and Phantom Ranch (assuming no threat to the Inner Canyon area)

### **Essentials to take for immediate evacuation**

- ✓ Medications, dentures, and prescription glasses
- ✓ Important papers (if immediately available)
- ✓ Driver's license and other identification
- ✓ Baby food and diapers
- ✓ Checkbook, credit cards, cash
- ✓ Pets and pet food
- ✓ Personal toilet articles and sanitary needs
- ✓ Sleeping bags or blankets

### **Actions to take for immediate evacuation**

- ✓ Disconnect all appliances except the refrigerator and freezer
- ✓ Close and lock all doors and windows
- ✓ Leave exterior and porch lights on
- ✓ ***Tie a white or light-colored pillowcase, towel, or similar item to the front door handle to indicate the residence has been evacuated***

### **Additional items to take if time permits**

- ✓ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ✓ Portable battery-powered radio
- ✓ Change of clothing for each person
- ✓ Food – nonperishable, ready-to-eat, & water
- ✓ Recreational items – games, cards, etc.
- ✓ Irreplaceable items and personal mementos
- ✓ Valuables

### **Additional actions to take if time permits**

- ✓ Secure outdoor possessions and equipment
- ✓ Secure or hide valuables
- ✓ Turn off the gas before leaving - be sure you know how to do this well in advance

## **Disabled and Special Needs Residents**

Individuals who need aid in the event of an evacuation are encouraged to plan ahead with neighbors, friends, and relatives. **Be sure to register with the local E911 Location Identification Database at Grand Canyon Regional Communications Center by calling (928) 638-7805.**

If help is not readily available at the time of an evacuation order, call the Grand Canyon Regional Communications Center emergency line at (928) 638-2477, or locally dial 911 for assistance.

## **Evacuation of Pets**

Planning for care of pets should be included with a family's evacuation plans. You may not be home when the evacuation order comes. It is strongly encouraged that pet owners arrange in advance for a trusted friend or neighbor to move your pets out and meet at the designated Evacuation Collection Center. Be sure to take the necessary supplies to care for your pet for an extended period of time while at the Evacuation Collection Center. Pets will need to be kept under physical control at all times.

## **Returning Home**

Once you have evacuated, you may not return home until authorized to do so by the local officials. Current incident information may be available through the local AM and FM radio stations, NOAA Weather Radio, the officials at the Evacuation Collection Centers, through [www.azein.gov](http://www.azein.gov), the **Incident Information Center** by calling (928) 638-7688 or **1-800-901-3880** for a recorded message.

