EVACUATION AND SHELTER IN PLACE PLAN:

› Learn about any warning systems where you live and work. Your local emergency planning committee or office of emergency services can give you information about the sirens, such as when they are tested and for how long.

› Prepare a shelter-in-place kit appropriate for the type(s) of emergencies that could occur near you. The kit should contain duct tape, for sealing cracks around doors and windows; plastic (preferably, precut to size) to cover windows; a battery-operated AM/FM radio; flashlight with fresh batteries; bottled water; towels; toys for young children; candles; matches; first-aid kit; medicine and other items essential for your family’s survival. Check the kit every six months to make sure all the supplies are still there and that they are fresh.

› The room should have a telephone, although you should use it only for emergency calls. If you use it otherwise, you may be taking up a line needed by emergency response officials.

› Find out which radio, television and cable systems in your area broadcast emergency information.

› Learn CPR and first-aid.

› For a place to shelter, select a room in your house that has few or no windows.

› Make sure all family members know what to do in a chemical emergency, whether they are at home, school, work or outdoors.

› Review your plan periodically and conduct drills.

› Turn on a radio or television to a local station that broadcasts emergency information. Stay tuned until the “all clear” message is broadcast.

› Stay off of the phone. It should be used for emergency calls only.

› Be prepared to evacuate if ordered to do so by public safety officials. Evacuation instructions will be announced over the emergency broadcast system.

SHELTER LOCATIONS:
The Clark County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security facilitates shelter activation. The Clark County School District and the Southern Nevada Chapter of the American Red Cross coordinate Sheltering operations. Clark County School District and the American Red Cross have identified middle- and high-schools as primary shelters for the County.

In addition to the Clark County School District facilities, the following facilities can be activated as shelters during large-scale or regional emergencies: Thomas and Mack Center, Cashman Field, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas International Speedway, and Sam Boyd Silver Bowl. These facilities have also been identified as potential Casualty Collection Points in Appendix C of the Clark County Multi-Jurisdictional Mass Casualty Plan.

KID’S ACTIVITY SURVIVAL KIT
You may have to leave your home during a disaster. It is a good idea to put together your own activity kit so they will have things to do and share with other children. May we suggest you pack:

› A few favorite books and toys.
› Crayons, pencils, sharpeners, and plenty of paper.
› Scissors & glue, board games.
› Favorite stuffed animals, blankets and/or pillows.
› Pictures of family pets.
If an evacuation is needed in your community, you might hear about it during a routine radio or television news broadcast, or through the Emergency Alert System (EAS) which broadcasts critical information on local radio and television stations and local cable providers as well as on NOAA Weather Radios. Where available, officials might use telephone notification systems such as Reverse 911 or community sirens. Sometimes officials will go door-to-door, in which case they will have proper identification so that you will know the evacuation order is accurate.

The evacuation order message will be brief and include basic instructions on what to do, and possibly some information about the threat. There may not be enough time for a lot of details so it is important to follow the instructions as quickly as possible and then look for more information from local radio or television stations over battery powered receivers or car radios.

When an evacuation involves a school, school officials will work with the local media to inform parents about when and where to pick up their children. If available, school officials will also use a telephone notification system to inform parents about the evacuation.

When the emergency that led to evacuation order is over, officials will provide information to the local media and to the agencies operating local shelters about the conditions for returning to the area. You may be able to return home without any restrictions but in some cases, there may be damage to roads or other travel problems. Utility services such as electricity or telephone may not be available. In some cases, officials may determine that the damage is so extensive that you can’t stay in the area for any length of time. You may have a chance to determine the condition of their property and possibly search for and retrieve belongings. No matter what the situation is, the official instructions for returning to the area are developed to keep you safe.

The EAS Local Primary stations in Nevada are the “entry points” for warning messages about local or regional emergencies. These stations will be the first to broadcast these warnings. All other radio and television stations and cable operators in Nevada participate in the Emergency Alert System although they may not carry all local or regional warnings. You should contact your favorite radio or television station or cable provider and ask them about their level of participation in the Emergency Alert System.

The National Weather Service also carries EAS messages on their NOAA Weather Radio stations in Nevada. If you are considering a weather radio, be sure it has the “Public Alert” function. That means it has a setting that will sound an alarm if an EAS activation has been issued, even if it is turned off. NOAA Weather Radio can be heard in Nevada on 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz and 162.550 MHz.

The EAS Local Primary Stations

In an emergency tune to: KXTE 107.5 FM
Knpr 88.9 FM