

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS BEHAVIOR GAME

GAME RULES

For persons asking questions:

- Approach a participant you think knows the answer to one of the questions below.
- Introduce yourself, and tell the person the question you want answered.
- You must write down the answer you get, even if you think it is wrong.
- You can ask only one question to each person.
- As soon as you get all of the blanks on this sheet filled, please sit down.

For persons being asked questions:

- You may not indicate which answers you know or don't know.
- You must answer the question you are asked, even if you don't know the right answer. If you don't know the answer, make one up.

QUESTIONS

1. I'm inside a building, and I begin to feel the shaking of an earthquake.
I should _____

2. I am driving on an interstate highway when I hear on the radio that there has been a hazardous material spill about five miles ahead on the same road.
I should _____

3. It has been raining very hard for the last several days. As I'm driving along, I see water covering the road. I can't tell how deep it is, but it doesn't look like it's moving very fast.
I should _____

4. I'm in another room and smell smoke. I find a fire burning in the bedroom.
I should _____

5. I am outside on the ball field when a lightning storm starts. I can't get to shelter.
I should _____

6. Someone told me that I should stand in a doorway during an earthquake. What should I tell this person? _____

GAME ANSWERS:

1. I'm inside a building, and I begin to feel the shaking of an earthquake. I should...
Drop, cover and hold on. *The safest thing to do is take cover where you are. If you try to run out of the building, things can fall on you and hurt you. If there is nothing suitable to get under, then sit down with your back against an inside wall and cover your head with your arms.*
2. I am driving on an interstate highway when I hear on the radio that there has been a hazardous material spill about five miles ahead on the same road. I should...
Follow the advice of authorities. *If authorities are not present, take another route by getting off at an next exit. Turning around and going another way often creates gridlock. Imagine what happens when everyone stops and tries to turn around.*
3. It has been raining very hard for the last several days. As I'm driving along, I see water covering the road. I can't tell how deep it is, but it doesn't look like it's moving very fast. I should...
Turn around and go another way. If water is rising quickly, climb to higher ground. You can't always tell what happened to the roadway underneath. In 1993, 103 people died in flooding, and 62 of them were in vehicles. *Seventy-five percent of those vehicles were equipped with four-wheel drive. Avoid being misled by commercials that lead one to believe that four-wheel drive vehicles can get through anything. Sometimes they can, but sometimes they can't.*
4. I'm in another room and smell smoke. I find a fire burning in the bedroom. I should...
Shut the bedroom door – if it is safe to do so. Get out of the house, and call the fire department from somewhere else. *In 1998, there were 4233 residential fire deaths. 326 (about 8%) of the people who died in these fires were found with fire extinguishers in their arms. The best thing to do is to GET OUT AND STAY OUT. (NFPA statistics).*
5. I am outside on the ball field when a lightning storm starts. I can't get to shelter. I should...
Crouch low to the ground on the balls of my feet. *Many people say that you should lie flat on the ground. That puts more of your body in contact with the ground. If lightning strikes a tall object nearby, it can hurt you if you are lying on the ground because more of your body is in contact with the ground. Try to have as little contact as possible.*
6. Someone told me that I should stand in a doorway during an earthquake. What should I tell this person:
The safest thing to do is to drop, cover, and hold on. *Doorways are NOT necessarily the safest place. This is because (1) not every doorway is structurally*

reinforced, (b) you need to know how to brace yourself properly to avoid injury from a swinging door, and (c) only one person can fit in a doorway at a time.