

# Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Preparing Your Home for an Emergency

**GOALS OF THIS MEETING:** ① TO PREPARE YOUR FAMILY FOR AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER

**Time Required: 1-2 hours**

**Minimum # of Households Required:** at least 2 households

## Pre-Meeting Preparation:

- Select a meeting room where the Red Cross videos can be played; provide adequate seating and writing surfaces
  - Preview the videos at [www.arcbrcr.org](http://www.arcbrcr.org)
- Ask neighbors to come prepared with ideas about how to prepare their family for an emergency
- Print out a map of your neighborhood, including adjacent streets

## Day of Meeting:

- Introductions – Neighborhood Watch Group Roster Map
  - [www.dublin.ca.gov/activbc](http://www.dublin.ca.gov/activbc) - Tips and Resources for Active Block Captains - Forms
- Play the Be Red Cross Ready module
  - [www.arcbrcr.org](http://www.arcbrcr.org)
- Disseminate Family Disaster Plan Form
  - [www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/plan](http://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/plan)
- Share ideas about how to develop an effective home emergency plan

### Things You Will Need

1. Internet: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)
2. Family Disaster Plan Forms
3. Pens, markers, highlighters, notepads
4. Neighborhood Watch Group Roster Map

## Post-Meeting:

- Share information and outcome with the group, including those who could not attend by forwarding website links and Family Disaster Plan form
- Schedule a follow-up Neighborhood Watch meeting and share ideas about the family emergency plans that have been developed
- Take Personal Emergency Preparedness (PEP) classes near you. Check out the Alameda County Fire Department's website for upcoming trainings at [www.acgov.org/fire](http://www.acgov.org/fire)
- Explore additional resources: <http://www.ready.gov/emergency-planning-checklists>

\*Please note: as part of this project, you will be collecting sensitive information about your neighbors which should be carefully guarded. Please refrain from distributing or publishing such information.