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Pedestrian Preparedness

Know the Hazards

* Wildfire
  + Smoke
  + Fire
  + Debris
* Flood
  + Fast moving, rising waters
  + Flooding in low lying areas
  + Fast flowing debris
* Hazmat Release
  + Chemical or other hazardous material release that may cause impacts to your health

Get Emergency Alerts

* Register for alerts at [www.BOCOalert.org](http://www.BOCOalert.org)
* Get alerts through phon call, text, and e-mail
* Add up to 5 address locations

OR

* Download and use the ReachWell app
* No sign-up or having to share personal information
* Get alerts through cell phone notification
* Alerts available in over 100 languages
* Get all alerts send out in Boulder County

REMEMBER – YOU ARE ALWAYS YOUR FIRST FORM OF ALERT. TRUST YOUR GUT. If you see, hear, smell, or sense something is wrong, make decisions to keep yourself safe – even if you have not received an alert. *(could change gut to instinct if helpful for better translation).*

Plan Ahead

* Develop Your Support System
  + Make connections with people who have vehicles who can help you evacuate quickly
* Know at Least 3 Ways Out
  + Know at least 3 bike or walking paths that you can use to get out of the area.
  + Walk, jog, or run.
  + Connect with people with vehicles ahead of time or use other transportation – bike, scooter, etc.
* Know What You’ll Take with You
  + Create a grab list of essential items and irreplaceable things that you’d want to take with you.
  + Make sure these items fit into a backpack or other easy to move bag or device.
* Know Where to Go
  + Follow information from officials or alerts.
  + If you don’t get information, trust your gut to take actions to keep yourself safe.
* Know When to Go
  + Leave when you receive an evacuation warning to allow as much time as possible to evacuate – do not wait for an evacuation order!

Know Where to Go and What to Do

* Wildfire
  + Get out of the area quickly
  + Walk in a 90 degree direction from the direction of the wind
* Flood
  + Climb to higher ground
  + Up a hillside, higher floor in a building, etc.
  + Stay out of low lying areas, canyons, ditches, etc.
* Hazardous Material Release
  + Follow directions shared by officials – depending on the type of substance released the directions may vary.

For more preparedness information visit www.boulderodm.gov/preparedness