



ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY NATIONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FACT SHEET 2025



- Only 35% of adults in California said they are personally prepared for a disaster. **(Public Policy Institute of California, 2024.)**
- Every dollar invested in preparedness can save communities \$13 in economic impact, damages, and cleanup costs. While \$6 of the \$13 saved comes from reduced damages, \$7 represents preserved jobs, income, and economic output. **(U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, 2024.)**
- AlertOC is a mass notification system designed to keep Orange County residents and businesses informed of emergencies that may require immediate lifesaving actions. Residents can sign up at AlertOC.org. **(AlertOC.org)**
- California is one of the most disaster-prone states in the US. Since 1953, California has experienced over 280 federally declared disasters, typically wildfires, floods, and earthquakes. **(World Population Review, 2024.)**
- Orange County is a seismically active area and is prone to earthquakes, flash floods, landslides, and fire. **(ReadyOC.com.)**
- In 2024, more than 3,800 wildfires burned over 190,000 acres in California, and more than 1.3 million properties were at high-to-extreme wildfire risk. **(ReadyOC.com.)**
- Text-to-911 is the ability to send a text message to reach 911 emergency call takers from your mobile phone or device. However, because voice calls to 911 provide more information to 911 call centers, you should always make a voice call to 911 during an emergency whenever possible. **(Federal Communications Commission.)**
- According to the 2023 FEMA National Household Survey on Disaster Preparedness, 48% of Americans assembled or updated disaster supplies, 37% made a disaster plan, 12% planned with neighbors, and 14% got involved in their community. **(Fema.gov, 2024.)**
- Developing community resilience benefits disaster planners and community members alike. People are more empowered to help one another after a major disturbance in communities in which members are regularly involved in each other's lives. Building social connections can be an important emergency preparedness action. **(Phe.gov.)**



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