

BE AWARE PREPARE

DURING NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

2008 Santa Clara County Preparedness Month Answer Key

	Yes or No
<p>1. Should you use a candle for light to look around the house after the earthquake? NO Use a flashlight, not matches or candles. There could be a gas leak and you could cause an explosion!</p>	NO
<p>2. If you need to evacuate your house, do you lock the door? YES If the police or fire need to get into the house they will have ways to do that. Be sure to leave a note on the door saying where you are and that the house is all clear.</p>	YES
<p>3. Making a family disaster plan is too expensive. NO It doesn't cost money to plan. Build your plan, make sure every family member knows what the plan is and write it down. Then practice using the plan and revise it when needed.</p>	NO
<p>4. If your house is on fire and you are stuck in your upstairs bedroom, you should call out the window. YES If you are stuck in an upstairs room of your house, open the window and let people outside know that you are there. The fire department can put a ladder up so you can escape without jumping.</p>	YES
<p>5. Should you tell your children to stay at school after a disaster until you can safely come and get them? YES The school has an emergency plan that includes taking care of the children if the disaster happens during school hours. Parents should talk with their children in advance about what will happen and when they will be there to pick up their children.</p>	YES
<p>6. You should use an out-of-town friend or family member as a point of contact in an emergency because long distance phone lines may be more readily available. YES Local phone lines become overwhelmed more quickly than long distance lines.</p>	YES
<p>7. You should store 8 ounces of water per person per day for emergencies. Do you think that's enough? NO You should store AT LEAST one gallon of water per person per day for at least 3 days. Don't forget water for your pets too!</p>	NO
<p>8. There should be a pair of study shoes and a flashlight next to every person's bed who lives in your house. YES The number one injury after the North Ridge earthquake in Southern California was cut feet. People got out of bed and cut their feet on the glass on the floor from broken windows.</p>	YES
<p>9. Part of your emergency plan should include two ways out of every room in the house. YES Each person should know two escape routes from every room in your house.</p>	YES
<p>10. Each family member in your household should know how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches. YES Each member should know this information. You'll never know who will be available to do take action when the disaster hits.</p>	YES