

Out of Area Contacts

After a disaster, local phone service will likely be disrupted due to a high volume of calls.

If phone lines are still functional, long-distance service could be available.

As part of your disaster planning, select a friend or relative who lives at least 100 miles away and ask that person to be your family's out-of-area contact person.

When separated from family, instruct all members of your household to contact that person to report in and check on the status of other family members.

Text messaging on your cell phone is another alternative. Keep messages short.

Consider selecting one time per day (not on the hour) to send updates to your contact person.

Turn cell phone off between text messages to conserve battery.

Copy and complete an Out-of-Area Contact Person card for each member of your family to carry with them.

Did you know....

You should keep at least one phone that does not require electricity. Cordless phones need to be connected to a power source to place or receive calls. If the power is out, they will not work.

<p>DISASTER meeting place (if you cannot return home):</p> <hr/> <p>EXACT LOCATION</p> <p>HOUSE FIRE meeting place (near home, everyone is safely outside):</p> <hr/> <p>EXACT LOCATION</p> <p>LOCAL emergency contact (if you are hurt):</p> <hr/> <p>PRINT NAME PHONE</p>	<p> OUT OF AREA CONTACT PERSON</p> <p><i>WHY?</i> Local phone systems may be shut down in a disaster. However, you frequently can place a long-distance call.</p> <p>Name (print):</p> <hr/> <p>Phone number (with area code):</p> <hr/> <p>Cell phone number (with area code):</p> <hr/> <p><i>TIP:</i> You may be able to text message all your loved ones on your cell phone. Keep these messages short.</p>
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Copies of these wallet cards are available through Clallam County Emergency Management. Contact Anne Chastain anne.chastain@clallamcountywa.gov or call 360.417.2483