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To: APD Adult Foster Home Providers

From: ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities
Population Health Quality Improvement

Subject: Emergency and Disaster Planning for Upcoming Wildfire Season

Several professional outlets are predicting an early and very active wildfire season. Now is the time to review and update your Emergency and Disaster Plan to ensure your AFH is fully prepared.

Please review Oregon Administrative Rule

[411-050-0725 Emergency Preparedness](#)

Key reminders

- Providers are responsible for ensuring the evacuation of all residents to a safe alternative location when necessary. Alternative location should be outside the local area whenever possible.
- If your home has transportation agreements in place, now is a good time to verify those agreements are still active and reliable.
- Emergency responders should remain focused on managing the emergency itself and should not be relied upon to conduct evacuations.
- The most effective way to prepare is to ensure all staff are educated on your emergency preparedness plan and to regularly practice the plan through drills.

- Always notify the Department or the LLA if your home is directed to evacuate or has already evacuated and provide the location of where your home evacuated to.

Taking time now to review and practice your emergency procedures will help ensure the safety of residents and staff during wildfire season.

Emergency Notifications

To make an after-hours emergency notification send an email to the [APD Emergency Resource Management](#) team.

Visit the [Oregon Department of Human Services website](#).