Introduction

Here's a list of apps and resources for California residents, especially helpful before, during, and after emergencies or natural disasters. This list includes tools for alerting, communication, and support, catering to various needs, including accessibility and inclusivity.

FEMA App

Description: Provides real-time alerts, safety tips, and disaster resources, including shelter locations and readiness checklists.

Purpose: Helps users stay informed about hazards and prepare for emergencies with guidance tailored to their location.

American Red Cross Emergency

Description: Offers real-time emergency alerts, shelter locations, and tools to create an emergency kit and family emergency plan.

Purpose: Keeps users aware of nearby emergencies and provides actionable safety advice.

California Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

Description: A resource hub offering information and services for individuals with developmental disabilities, with an emphasis on emergency planning.

Purpose: Supports individuals with disabilities in California with preparedness resources and service coordination.

Listos California

Description: A statewide initiative providing disaster preparedness resources, especially for vulnerable populations and those with access and functional needs.

Purpose: Empowers Californians to be prepared for emergencies, with targeted support for communities in need.

PG&E Portable Battery Program

Description: Provides financial assistance to eligible individuals with medical needs to obtain backup batteries for essential medical devices during outages.

Purpose: Ensures individuals reliant on powered medical devices can maintain functionality during planned or unplanned power outages.

Find Out if You Qualify for a Portable Battery

To learn more, visit pge.com/portablebattery.

Ready.gov

Description: A federal resource offering extensive guidance on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, including checklists and family plans.

Purpose: Educates individuals and families on effective emergency preparedness practices across various disaster scenarios.
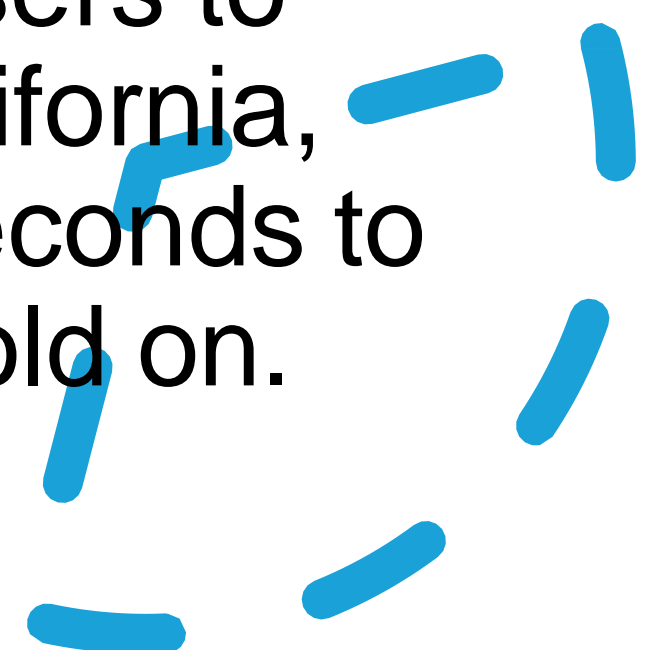
MyShake App

Description: An earthquake alert app that uses smartphone sensors to detect seismic activity and provide early warning alerts.

Purpose: Alerts users to earthquakes in California, providing critical seconds to drop, cover, and hold on.

NOAA Weather Radar & Alerts

Description: Provides real-time weather radar and alerts for severe weather conditions, including wildfire smoke advisories and flash flood warnings.

Purpose: Keeps users informed of severe weather risks, helping them prepare for conditions like storms, high winds, and wildfires.

CLIME: NOAA WEATHER RADAR LIVE & ALERTS

AlertCA (formerly Wireless Emergency Alerts -

Description: Sends free, location-based emergency alerts via cell towers to inform residents of urgent situations like wildfires, earthquakes, and evacuations.

Purpose: Ensures timely notification of critical events, even without an installed app.

Nextdoor App

Description: A social networking app for neighborhoods, allowing users to share emergency information, local updates, and preparedness tips with nearby residents.

Purpose: Enhances community awareness and local coordination, especially useful for sharing real-time safety information.

Zello App

Description: A push-to-talk app that allows real-time voice communication, functioning similarly to a walkie-talkie, even in areas with limited connectivity.

Purpose: Enables reliable communication among family members or groups during emergencies when traditional cellular networks may be overloaded.

Citizen App

Description: Provides real-time alerts based on nearby incidents, including fires, accidents, and other safety concerns. Allows users to share updates within the app.

Purpose: Keeps users informed of safety-related incidents in their vicinity, enhancing personal awareness and safety.

GroupMe App

Description: A group messaging app that simplifies communication with multiple people, useful for neighborhood or family emergency updates.

Purpose: Ensures quick, group-wide information sharing and coordination in emergency situations.

PulsePoint Respond

Description: Sends notifications to nearby individuals trained in CPR during cardiac emergencies and shows AED locations.

Purpose: Assists in saving lives during emergencies by mobilizing trained bystanders quickly.

PulsePoint
GET THE APP. SAVE A LIFE.

Be My Eyes App

Description: Connects visually impaired individuals with volunteers or professionals for assistance via video, especially useful during emergencies.

Purpose: Provides visual assistance to those in need, helping them navigate challenges during and after an emergency.

ICE Medical Standard

Description: Stores medical information and emergency contacts that first responders can access in case of an emergency.

Purpose: Ensures first responders have quick access to critical medical information, aiding in prompt and accurate care.

Visuals2Go

Description: An app with customizable visual aids designed to help individuals with communication and learning difficulties.

Purpose: Assists individuals with disabilities in communicating needs during emergencies with pictorial aids.

Show Me for Emergencies App

Description: A tool designed to help individuals with disabilities communicate with emergency responders through easy-to-understand visual aids.

Purpose: Enhances communication between individuals with functional needs and emergency personnel.
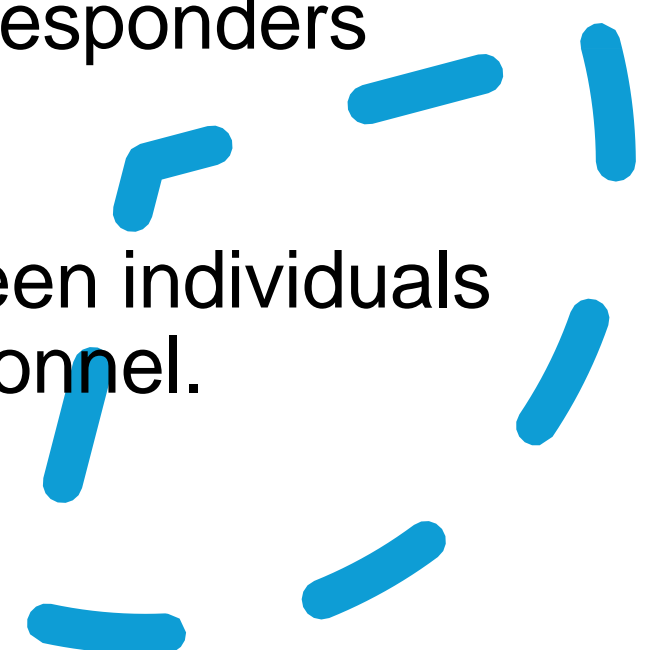
Alertable

Description: Sends location-based alerts for emergencies, including severe weather and natural disasters, with features for cognitive accessibility.

Purpose: Keeps users informed of local hazards, with accessibility features for people with disabilities.

PG&E Alerts by Text or Email

To share Public Safety Power Shutoff information, we created Address Alerts.

Address Alerts can provide updates for:

- Your work or business
- Your child's school or day care
- The home of a friend or loved one

For more information, visit pge.com/addressalerts

Description: Provides real-time alerts for power shutoffs, weather updates, and other emergency notifications specific to PG&E service areas.

Purpose: Keeps PG&E customers informed of outages and safety precautions, allowing them to plan accordingly.

Conclusion

These apps and resources offer essential information, alerts, and tools to help Californians prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies. They provide targeted support, accessibility features, and inclusive resources for community members with diverse needs.