

Emergency Response Kit

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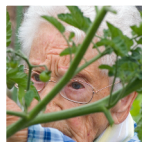
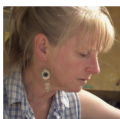
Use this when a community member experiences a sudden injury, illness, or life change that requires immediate changes to living spaces or daily routines, or as a template to build on as part of a long-range planning process.

Step 1

Triage the Situation

Take a quick breath and assess what is the immediate need.

- What is the nature of the crisis?
 - Who (else) is affected?
 - What elements are affected? Physical accommodations? Daily operations?
- What resources are available?
 - The affected member's family and friends?
 - Off-site support (support agencies, gov't programs)?
 - Who in the community is available to help and to what extent?
 - Are there any special skills available in the community to help us respond?
- What don't we know?





Step 2

Form a Support Team

Pick a small group of 2–3 point people to lead the response so the affected member isn't overwhelmed by 20 different people asking questions.

This group isn't taking on all the work themselves, but will help to coordinate with others in the community.

Step 3

Make a "Good Enough for Now" Plan

Focus on immediate safety and comfort. Don't worry about perfect long-term renovations yet—figure out what works for the next 2 to 4 weeks.

Step 4

Set a Check-In Date

Crises evolve fast. Set a specific date (e.g., 7 days out) to review how things are working, make adjustments to tasks, and give caregivers a break.





Related Next Steps

After the immediate crisis has passed, be intentional about healing any unresolved conflicts that surfaced in the process and/or on generally attending to the social fabric in the community.

Where to turn for help

Contact the [Foodlands Cooperative](#). We can help walk you through the process and arrange facilitation if you're feeling lost.

Here are some [external resources](#) that provide background information and links to other contacts that may be useful

If you have other resources that may be useful to others, please forward them to us.

