

# Parent Information Regarding Emergency Situations

## La Paz Intermediate School

### WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO IN AN EMERGENCY?

We want you to know that the Saddleback Valley Unified School District has plans and preparations for emergency situations. To ensure the greatest security possible, our school has specific plans to respond to emergencies such as natural disasters (earthquakes, high winds, etc.), man-made disasters (fires, chemical spills, etc.), and breach of security emergencies (intruder on campus, hostage situation, etc.). These plans are updated at least yearly.

### BEFORE:

- Make certain BOTH Aeries and the printed school emergency card are updated with names of authorized individuals and current phone numbers. **The school will ONLY release students to those listed on the emergency card and must have a valid photo ID.**
- Reinforce to your student that they are as safe at school as they are at home. School buildings were built to meet stringent safety codes and there are school personnel trained in first aid.
- Remind your student to not panic, keep quiet, and follow directions from school officials and law enforcement.
- Tell your student that if they are on their way to school they should continue there, and if they are on their way home, they should continue home. Once at school, they must remain at school until a parent or guardian signs the student out. Older siblings should remain at their own school.
- Review Orange County's emergency preparedness site at **Ready OC** [www.ReadyOC.com](http://www.ReadyOC.com) and develop a family emergency plan [www.RedCross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html](http://www.RedCross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html)
- Stay informed with **AlertOC**, the County's mass notification system. By registering with AlertOC, time-sensitive messages may be sent to your home, cell or business phone. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones and e-mail accounts. [www.AlertOC.org](http://www.AlertOC.org)

### DURING:

- Do not panic. The school will immediately implement the emergency plan.
- The school will do everything possible to provide parents with information.
- Any phone calls to the office or parents coming to the campus can impact and thus impair the school's ability to respond to the immediate needs of the students.
- Streets should be kept as open as possible for emergency vehicles.
- In large scale emergencies, utilize the information and updates that may be available through the Orange County Emergency Alert System. [www.OCGov.com/about-county/emergency](http://www.OCGov.com/about-county/emergency)

### AFTER:

- Plan to pick up your child once the emergency has been resolved. A Reunion Station will be established at the track & field stairs for parents to pick up their children. Parents will park and enter off La Paz Rd at the lower field. **DO NOT come to the front of the school, the ONLY school access will be on the lower field.** (Approximate address to the lower field is 26950 La Paz Road, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, coordinates 33.599640, -117.668902)
- **Photo ID will be required** for releasing students. Authorized individuals must be listed on the emergency card and have valid photo ID.
- Please remain calm and exercise patience during this time. There will be large numbers of individuals at our school picking up their students. Remaining orderly will assist all students with coping with the entire situation.