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In an emergency, some houses, streets and neighbourhoods may not be safe to stay in and you may have to leave home in a hurry.

If your street is evacuated where will you go? What will you take? What about pets? Do you have neighbours who might need your help?

Follow evacuation advice

If you are told to evacuate, follow the evacuation advice. Evacuation advice overrides any COVID-19 requirements to stay at home.

Move immediately. Stay 2 metres away from others if you can and if it is safe to do so.

Wear a mask or face covering only if you can grab one quickly and it will not delay you leaving.

Top tips

Pack a grab bag

Have a grab bag ready for everyone in your household. It should have warm clothes, a bottle of water, snacks, copies of important documents, and photo ID. Remember any medications you may need. Keep your first aid kit, torch, radio and batteries somewhere you can grab them in a hurry.

Decide where you will go

Decide where you will go (and make sure everyone in your household knows, in case you're not all together). Your evacuation place will probably be with friends or family, so make sure they know your plans.

Check your zone

If you live in a tsunami evacuation zone, make sure your evacuation place is outside of the zone. Find your tsunami evacuation zone at <https://getready.govt.nz/tsunami-evacuation-zones/>

Don't forget your pets

If you have to leave home, take your pets with you. If it's not safe for you, it's not safe for them. Make sure your evacuation place will take your pets. Or have contact details for kennels, catteries and pet friendly motels.