



# North Carolina Wing Weekly Safety Blast



## 2018 - Topic #3 – Emergency Preparedness

### Reason for this Blast:

**Emergencies can create a variety of hazards for personnel in the impacted area.**

### Safety Points:

We are very good at being ready to help others when the need arises, but the first part of that is to be ready to take care of ourselves. Preparing before an emergency incident plays a vital role in ensuring that CAP personnel and family members have the necessary equipment, know where to go, and know how to keep themselves safe when an emergency occurs.



Ask yourself the following questions from where you stand:

- ⇒ Where is the nearest phone to call emergency services?
- ⇒ What if cellular service is not available?
- ⇒ What number do you call for emergency services? Does it require a number to get an outside line?
- ⇒ Where is the nearest fire extinguisher?
- ⇒ Where is the nearest exit?
- ⇒ Do you know where you are to meet if you have to evacuate?
- ⇒ If the power were to suddenly go off right now, what should you do?
- ⇒ If very severe weather was to suddenly approach, what should you do?
- ⇒ Do you have an emergency action plan for home?

We are not all first responders, but it will certainly help to know these things when an emergency situation threatens the life of you and your partners requiring you to act fast.

### MAIN DISCUSSION POINT OF THIS SAFETY BLAST

**So often in the stress of the situation we forget some of the basics. That's why it is so important to be prepared in case of an emergency situation.**