

FIRE!

In Case of Brushfire:

- 1. If you can:** Leave the Canyon immediately.
- 2. Follow your plan:**
 - If you are in a carpool, designate a place where your carpool can meet.
 - If you are in a home, follow your household's emergency plan.
 - If you are at work, follow your employer's emergency plan.
- 3. Follow evacuation instructions:** Listen to sheriff's deputies and fire personnel. They are there to assist you.
- 4. If fire prevents you from leaving:** Go to your nearest Community Safety Area (CSA). The Center of Topanga is one. See map inside for more CSAs. CSAs are areas set aside for individuals to find temporary refuge during a large wildland fire when leaving the canyon will not be possible. Please take time to locate the CSA closest to where you live, work, or wait for work in Topanga.
- 5. If you must take shelter in a Safety Area:** Park your vehicle OFF THE ROAD, a short distance away, but **not** at the CSA. (Vehicle fire smoke is toxic.) Walk the remainder of the way to safety.
NEVER park your vehicle in a traffic lane! This can hinder firefighters and can block evacuation routes. Unattended vehicles blocking the road can be forcibly removed during an emergency.
Once you arrive at a Safety Area...STAY THERE until such time that leaving the canyon becomes viable. The most severe heat wave will pass, and there will be Sheriff and Fire personnel on patrol in the area.
- 6. If you are trapped by fire:** Do not stay in your car – it will burn. Select an area clear of traffic and vegetation. Lie facedown and cover your head. You will find the most protection by lying in a ditch or other low area where the air is coolest. Seek shelter behind a block wall, rock, or other noncombustible feature. Shield yourself from the oncoming wind and searing heat of the fire. Cover up and stay low!
- 7. Be aware of Red Flag Weather:** When winds exceed 25 mph and relative humidity is below 15%, there is a greater possibility that a wildfire could start and spread rapidly. On days such as these, listen to the news on TV and radio and take special care if a Red Flag Warning is issued.

SEE INSIDE FOR FIRE PREVENTION TIPS



Emergency Phone Numbers

Please save these numbers!

To report any emergency:
call 911

If at all possible, use a land line, not a cell phone when calling 911.

Human Services: 211
 Sheriff: 818-878-1808
 CalTrans: 800-427-7623
 So. Cal. Edison: 800-655-4555
 Verizon: 800-483-2000
 American Red Cross: 800-540-2000
 California Highway Patrol: 818-880-0980
 L.A. County Dept. of Animal Care and Control: 818-991-0071
 Public Works (Bldg. & Safety/Flood/Road/Water): 800-675-4357
 L.A. Unified School District: 213-241-4500

For information about any Topanga emergency:
www.t-cep.org, or call T-CEP hot line: 310-455-3000

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www.topangasurvival.org

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Topanga

Emergency Survival Tips



for Fire, Earthquake, and Flood

Topanga can be a dangerous place, with fire, floods, and earthquakes.

Since 1963, seven major fires have swept through the Canyon, resulting in injury, death, and millions of dollars in damage. In 1993, the Old Topanga Fire took less than two and a half hours to sweep through the Canyon from the summit at Old Topanga to the beach.

In addition, winter rains periodically cause major flooding in Topanga. Mudslides cover homes, cars are swept downstream, and people drown in rising creek waters.

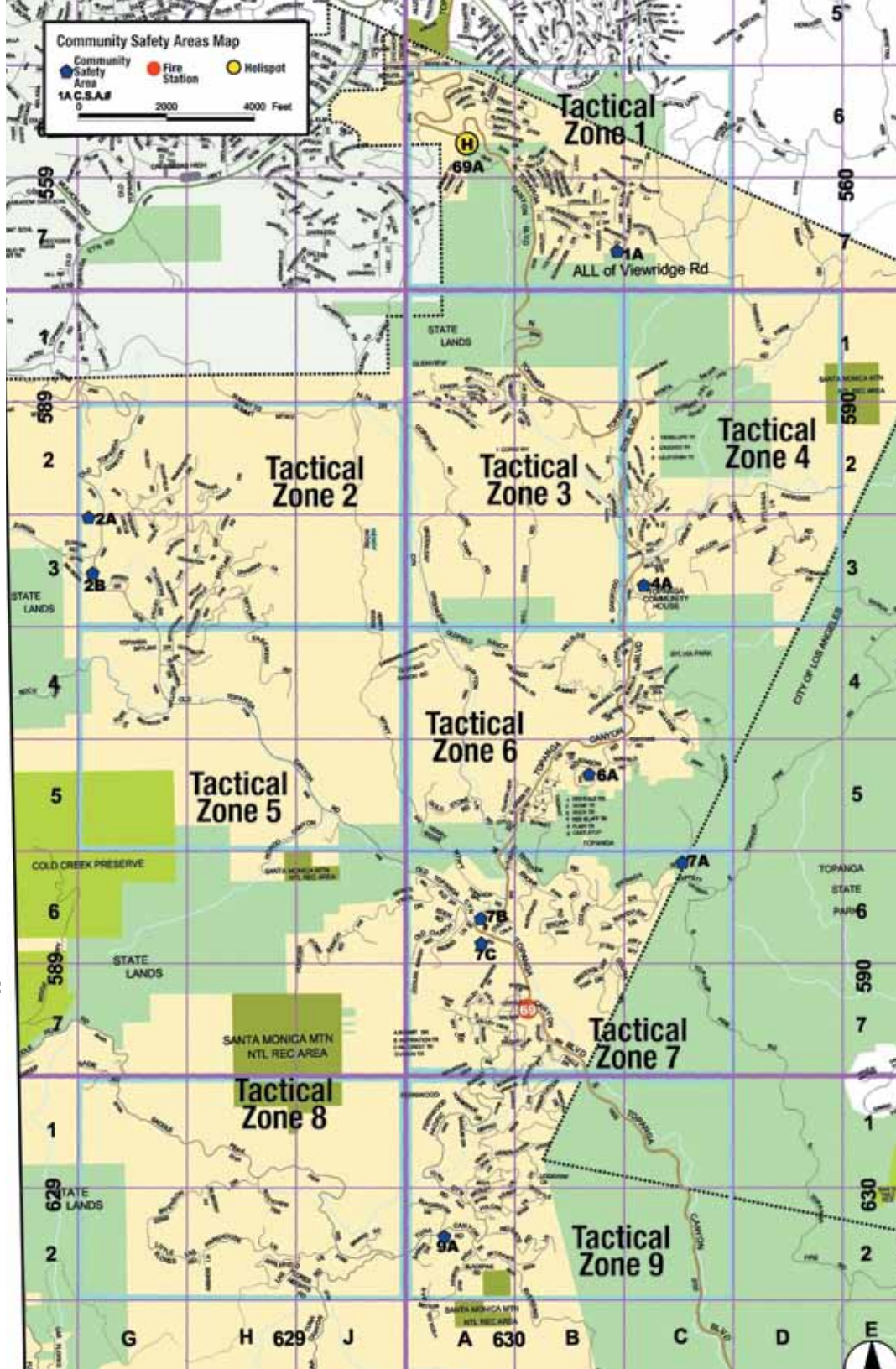
What if you are in Topanga when a brushfire happens?

What if floodwaters rise and mudslides threaten the roads?

What if you are in an earthquake?

How can you protect yourself and those around you in these situations?





Please note:
Pre-designated individual CSAs can change.
Please check
www.topangasurvival.org
to verify their current status.
CSAs will be annually reviewed by the County Fire Department Brush Clearance Unit to confirm their availability.










**PREVENTION:
HOW YOU
CAN HELP**

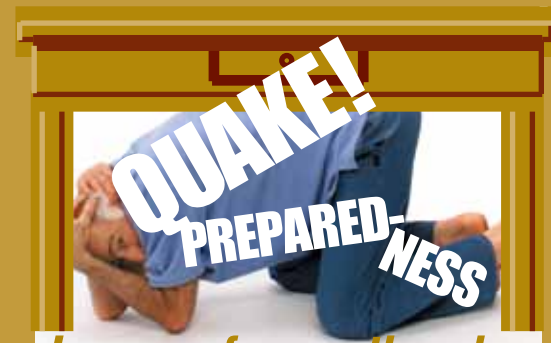
1. Don't smoke out of doors.
 2. No campfires, EVER!
 3. Don't throw cigarettes or ash out of car windows.
 4. Don't park your vehicle in high grass.
 5. When clearing brush: Have a hose, bucket of sand or water, shovel, or other fire extinguisher nearby.
- Call 911 immediately if you see or smell smoke or see fire.
 - Watch for sparks caused by hitting rocks or debris.
 - Refuel weed whackers on hard surfaces only.

Community Safety Areas (CSAs)

A CSA is an area set aside for individuals to find refuge during a large wildland fire. Please take the time to locate the CSA closest to where you live, work, or wait for work in Topanga. CSAs are identified on this map. Refer to the map to find locations in your area. Please take the time to learn these locations.

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|  1A VIEWRIDGE entire street | 1A VIEWRIDGE (entire street) |
|  2A MILL CREEK RANCH 1881 Old Topanga Cyn Rd. | 2A MILL CREEK RANCH 1881 Old Topanga Canyon Rd. |
|  2B MUSE ELEMENTARY 1717 Old Topanga Cyn Rd. | 2B MUSE ELEMENTARY 1717 Old Topanga Canyon Rd. |
| | 3 None (proceed to a CSA in an adjacent zone) |
|  4A COMMUNITY HOUSE 1440 Topanga Cyn Rd. | 4A COMMUNITY HOUSE 1440 Topanga Canyon Rd. |
| | 5 None (proceed to a CSA in an adjacent zone) |
|  6A OLD ELYSIUM 814 Robinson Rd. | 6A OLD ELYSIUM 814 Robinson Rd. |
|  7A STATE PARK Entrada Rd. | 7A STATE PARK Entrada Rd. |
|  7B PINE TREE CIRCLE 120 Topanga Cyn Rd. | 7B PINE TREE CIRCLE 120 Topanga Cyn Rd. |
|  7C TOPANGA CENTER 101, 137, 139 N. Topanga Cyn Rd. | 7C TOPANGA CENTER 101, 137, 139 N. Topanga Cyn Rd. |
| | 8 None (proceed to a CSA in an adjacent zone) |
|  9A WATER TANK SITE 2300 Tuna Canyon Rd. | 9A WATER TANK SITE 2300 Tuna Canyon Rd. |



In case of an earthquake:

1. If indoors, stay there. Duck, cover, and hold under a desk or sturdy table.
2. If outdoors, get into an open area away from trees, buildings, walls, and power lines.
3. If driving, pull over to the side of the road and stop. Avoid areas around power lines or below rock faces. Stay inside your car until the shaking is over.
4. If in a crowded public place, do not rush for the doors. Duck, cover, and hold your head and neck with your hands and arms.



In case of a flood:

1. DO NOT cross rapidly flowing streams. Stay on one side and seek high ground until the water recedes. Most streams in this area go down in a couple of hours once it stops raining.
2. If your vehicle is trapped in rising water, get out of it and seek high ground.
3. Watch for mudslides and falling rocks.
4. Following a storm, drive slowly and carefully as many roads may have mud, debris, holes, and washed-out areas.