Emergency evacuation is the immediate and urgent movement of people away from the threat or actual occurrence of a hazard. Evacuations are more common than many people realize. Fires and floods cause evacuations most frequently across the U.S. and almost every year, people along coastlines evacuate as hurricanes approach.

MAKE A PLAN:
An emergency evacuation plan has two parts: evacuation from your house or workplace, and evacuation from your neighborhood. An evacuation plan for your home and workplace is useful not only for disasters, but also for fires or other incidents.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN:
Have maps for the following:
- Closest assembly point.
- Main and alternative routes for leaving the city in North, South, East and West directions.
- Meet-up spots outside the affected areas

THINGS TO CONSIDER:
During an emergency, local phone service may be limited, so you should arrange with someone outside your area to be your family contact. Your contact person should have voice mail or an answering machine.

At the time of an emergency, your family may not be together. It is important to choose family meeting places. Pick places that are easy to identify, that can be reached on foot if necessary, and that are in an accessible, open area.

IMPORTANT EVACUATION PROTOCOLS

NOTIFICATION (What is the emergency?)
- Locations of fire alarm pull stations
- Sound of your fire alarm or alert system
- Know your workplace Floor Monitor
- Subscribe to OSU Alert or community alert systems

https://oregonstate.edu/alerts/osu-alert-portal

WAY/EXIT FINDING (Where is the way out?)
- At least two escape routes from your location
- Look around; the closest safest exit may not be the door you came in

USE OF THE WAY OUT (Can I get out by myself, or do I need help?)
- Know the location of escape equipment
- If you took an elevator up, know where the stairs are that go down

ASSISTANCE (What do I need?)
- Know the location of fire extinguishers, first aid kits, evacuation chairs, etc...
- Know who in your home or work place may need evacuation assistance

https://emergency.oregonstate.edu/emergency-preparedness/preparedness-topics
https://www.ready.gov/evacuation
https://emergency.cdc.gov/planning/evacuationfacts.asp