



## How the SAFELY OUT™ Kit Meets 7 Critical Needs Identified During Katrina for Safe Evacuation in Any Natural or Manmade Disaster

- 1. How will others (emergency responders, neighbors, etc.) know someone needs immediate help safely evacuating?**
  - This is exactly the purpose of the bright red “NEED HELP” door hanger included in the SAFELY OUT Kit. It can also be posted in a window using the included high-test adhesive strip should the first floor already be flooded, for example, or the front door not be readily visible from the street.
- 2. How will others know when they are safely out?**
  - This is accomplished by displaying the bright green “SAFELY OUT” side of the door hanger. Displaying this not only indicates to those concerned that people are out safely, it can also save precious time for those going door-to-door searching for any needing help evacuating.
- 3. How will others know exactly who has evacuated and how to reach them?**
  - This is why the white information block at the bottom of the green “SAFELY OUT” is included. There, using the waterproof marker included in the SAFELY OUT Kit, are spots to list those evacuated, where they are, who helped them safely evacuate, and the helper’s contact information so the person can be found by loved ones, caregivers and others.
- 4. How will others know how to contact the person’s family and doctors, what medications or special medical equipment they need, where their pets are, what other evacuation “helpers” need to be notified they are safe, etc?**
  - This is made possible by use of the SAFELY OUT fold-out Information Magnet, filled out using the erasable pen included in the SAFELY OUT Kit and placed on the front of the refrigerator.
- 5. How will others access this essential information if a disaster strikes when the person is not at home?**
  - The SAFELY OUT Wallet Card, included in the Kit, fills this need. It is easily carried with the person at all times in their wallet or pocket.
- 6. How will others immediately find the person’s vital prescription medications, copies of medical insurance cards and other critical records during a rapid and potentially chaotic evacuation?**
  - The SAFELY OUT Zip-tight Bag meets this need perfectly. It is easy to find (with the large bright green SAFELY OUT logo on both sides) and is kept in one of the safest places in the home – the refrigerator – which is generally airtight, watertight, and fire resistant.
- 7. How will this person or family get the help they may need to evacuate safely, how will these helpers know what to do, and how will these helpers know how to notify each other when the person is safely out so their own lives are not endangered by delaying evacuation themselves?**
  - Every SAFELY OUT Kit includes SAFELY OUT Helper Information Sheets for use in designating three “SAFELY OUT Helpers” that are nearby and can be of vital evacuation assistance in a disaster. The sheets not only include very simple reminder instructions for the helpers, but also list the other helpers so they may be notified when their person is safely out and can thus get to safety themselves without potentially hazardous delay. These SAFELY OUT Helpers are critical components of the SAFELY OUT Project. (A fourth copy of the SAFELY OUT Helper Information Sheet is included in each kit and may be duplicated as needed as helpers move, etc., and new helpers are secured.)

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