

What to Do After a Disaster

Whether returning home or venturing outside for the first time, beware of new dangers that may have arisen because of the disaster. You may experience washed-out roads, downed power lines or poles, contaminated drinking water or other hazards. Report problems promptly to local officials so that corrective measures can be taken.

INSPECT YOUR HOME FOR DAMAGE

- Look for structural damage, loose or damaged wires and gas leaks before reentering your residence. If you doubt the structures safety, contact a professional before entering.
- Do not enter a fire-damaged house until authorities have inspected it.
- Check the refrigerator and discard spoiled food.
- Contact your insurance agent.
- Contact public safety departments if needs arise.