

Med Sled: America Prepared



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Media Coverage

Please be sure to visit the News and Press section of our website to see how the Med Sled® is being used in facilities across the country. Here are a few recent media appearances:

[KTVI- "Earthquake Preparation with the Med Sled"](#)

[Briefings on Hospital Safety- "Surveyors Like Evacuation Preparation"](#)

Upcoming Events

2010 Integrated Medical Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit

May 12- 16

Nashville, TN

[Click here for more information.](#)

Virginia Healthcare Emergency Management Conference

May 25-27

Virginia Beach, VA

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Dear Clifford,

April is National Earthquake Preparedness Month. Considering all of the recent earthquakes around the world and some even in your backyard, **what would you do if the "What If?" became "What Now?"** Are you truly prepared? Does your workplace, your child's school, your home have a plan to evacuate? Most don't.

Many people are realizing that their office buildings, schools and homes are not sufficiently prepared. In most cases, if you can't walk out, you'll be instructed to stay behind - this includes people with disabilities or temporary injuries.

What if emergency crews don't arrive for 5-10 minutes? What if the disaster is community wide and officials don't arrive for hours? It could be too late. The Med Sled® is a solution.

Please take a look at the checklist below to make sure you are effectively prepared for any emergency situation, and please consider adding the Med Sled® to your preparedness plans. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and I look forward to helping you become emergency prepared.

Sincerely,

Clifford Adkins

President and Inventor

ARC Products, LLC and Med Sled®



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When "What If" Becomes "What Now"

What should you know to make sure your school, home or business is effectively prepared for an emergency situation? I encourage you to study the disaster response timeline below. It's based on the "What Now" and reacting in the moment disaster strikes, rather than trying to imagine the "What If":

First 30 Seconds Following a Disaster:

- Evacuation - How can we get everyone out of the building safely and quickly?
- Notify the appropriate authorities or officials.

First 30 Minutes...

- Determine the nature of the emergency - Is this localized or widespread?
- Help any injured individuals and make sure they receive medical attention - To what extent are the injuries?
- How can we safely transport any injured individuals?
- What medical and/or survival supplies might we need should emergency crews not reach us soon?

First Hour...

- What is our community's mass evacuation route? Where is the safest offsite location to seek refuge? How can we get there?
- What community volunteers or personnel can assist in mass evacuation?

First Day...

- Do we have the emergency contacts or phone numbers we might need?
- Can we gain access to emergency funds?

The "What If": Preparing for the future and other instances

- What types of disasters most frequently occur in our area? In what season or time of year are we most at risk?
- What is the best escape route from each room of my home or workplace? You should be able to determine two exit routes for each room.
- How will we evacuate the injured or people with disabilities?
- How do we shut off the utilities in the building including water, gas and electricity?
- What supplies should I store in case of an emergency? A battery-powered radio, flashlights, spare batteries, blankets, bottled water, a first aid kit, canned goods?
- Assign responsibilities to each person and make your emergency plan well-known.

Please [Contact Us](#) if you're interested in setting up an effective emergency evacuation plan for your hospital, school, home, office building, or if you have any questions.

About ARC Products, LLC and Med Sled®

ARC Products, based in St. Louis, is a national manufacturer of cost-effective evacuation solutions, including the Med Sled®. Since 2004, ARC has been developing products to support disaster preparedness and emergency evacuation to ensure that non-ambulatory individuals are transported safely in emergency situations. Med Sleds® are in service in all 50 states and more than six countries in hospitals, nursing homes, fire and EMS, schools and universities, government facilities and military installations. Med Sleds® are patent pending, made in America and approved by the GSA.

