



Fire Adapted Bailey

Got 5 System

The “Got Five” system is a strategy designed to ensure that children, elderly, disabled and pets at home alone during a wildfire evacuation have a reliable safety net. It focuses on setting up a trusted network of five individuals who can support and assist in an emergency. Here’s how it works and is implemented.

Purpose The “Got Five” approach identifies and assigns five reliable adults (like neighbors, friends, or relatives) who are readily available to assist if an emergency evacuation is necessary. It is particularly useful when parents or guardians cannot immediately reach their homes.

Key Components

1. Pre-arranged Assistance:

These five individuals are pre-identified and committed to helping evacuate children if needed.

2. Contact Details:

Share and prominently post the contact information for the "Got Five" members in an easy-to-find spot, like the fridge.

3. Emergency Instructions for Children:

Instruct children to call one of the "Got Five" individuals as their first action during an evacuation. This avoids overwhelming infrastructure with general calls.

Teach kids to use text messages for further updates as those may work when call volumes are high.

4. Pickup Point:

Designate clear pickup zones for children, such as the front door or the bottom of the driveway, ensuring these are safe and easy-to-reach areas. Adjust the location as needed based on local hazards like ember storms.

Sign up at fireadaptedbailey.org/got5

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1. Volunteers and those needing assistance sign up using the forms on the website.
2. We connect neighbors based on location and specific needs.
3. Connected neighbors communicate privately to make evacuation arrangements.
4. During an evacuation, volunteers check on their matched neighbors.