# Family Reunion Post-Disaster

This playbook provides a structured approach to locate and reunite with family members who may have gone missing during a natural disaster. It outlines effective strategies to re-establish contact and ensure the well-being of all affected family members.

### Step 1: Safety First

Ensure that you and your immediate surroundings are safe before attempting to locate missing family members. Listen to local authorities or emergency services for updates and instructions.

### Step 2: Immediate Check

Check immediate shelters or areas near the disaster where family members may have sought refuge. This includes local shelters, community centers, or places of worship.

### Step 3: Contact List

Attempt to contact family members through all available means, such as phone calls, text messages, emails, and social media. Use a list of pre-established contacts in case primary communication methods fail.

### Step 4: Inform Authorities

Report missing family members to the local authorities and disaster relief organizations. Provide detailed descriptions and any pertinent information that may help in locating them.

### Step 5: Use Apps and Registries

Utilize dedicated apps and online registries designed for disaster response to report and find missing persons, such as the Red Cross’s Safe and Well website.

### Step 6: Community Support

Reach out to the local community, including neighbors, community groups, and social networks, to spread the word and seek assistance in locating missing family members.

### Step 7: Regular Updates

Keep regular communication with authorities and organizations involved in the search. Update them with any new information and stay informed about the status of missing family members.

### Step 8: Mental Health

Take care of your mental health and the mental health of found family members. Consider seeking support through counseling or support groups.

## General Notes

### Emergency Kit

Maintain an emergency kit with medical supplies, food, water, and other essentials in case of a natural disaster, and include a list of emergency contacts and important personal information.

### Pre-Disaster Preparation

Have a family disaster plan in place that includes meeting points and communication strategies, and make sure all family members are informed and understand the plan.