



REACHING THE WHOLE COMMUNITY ALERTS + NOTIFICATIONS IN EMERGENCIES

- **King County Office of Emergency Management**
- **Public Health – Seattle & King County**
- **City of Seattle Office of Emergency Management**

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NEW STATE LAW – RCW 38.52.070

- **Emergency Management** jurisdictions must provide emergency notification to significant portions of the community in a manner that can be understood
- Anyone in harm's way should be informed
- Everyone should be informed of actions they can take to protect themselves

WHAT **EMERGENCY MANAGERS** MUST DO

- Identify language groups that make up 5% of the population or 1,000 residents, whichever is less.
- Develop plans to send emergency alerts to these language groups with information about actions people can take to protect their safety.

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ISKA ILAALI SUNTA KAARBOON MOONO-OGSAYDH-KA (CARBON MONOXIDE)

- Dabdhaliye dibedda oo KALIYA u isticmaal meel ka fog dabeysha iyo daaqadaha furan
- MARNA gudaha garaashka gawaarida la dhigto ha ku isticmaalin dabdhaliye
- MARNA aqalka gudihiisa dhuxul ama foornada gaaska cuntada ha ku karin



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CARBON MONOXIDE WARNING - SOMALI

LANGUAGE GROUPS IN KING COUNTY THAT MEET THE STATE DEFINITION

- American Sign Language
- Amharic
- Arabic
- Burmese
- Cambodian
- Chinese-Cantonese
- Chinese-Mandarin
- Farsi
- French
- Hebrew-Modern
- Hindi
- Japanese
- Korean
- Lao
- Marshallese
- Nepali
- Oromo
- Portuguese
- Punjabi
- Romanian
- Russian
- Samoan
- Somali
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Tagalog
- Tamil
- Telugu
- Tigrinya
- Turkish
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese

LOCAL / REGIONAL WORK GROUP STRATEGIES

- Build/strengthen existing relationships with language communities developed through preparedness outreach
- Work collaboratively to leverage existing resources
- Sign up for alerting systems:
 - ALERT King County: www.kingcounty.gov/alert
 - AlertSeattle: alert.seattle.gov/
 - Community Communications Network (CCN): www.kingcounty.gov/ccn

DRAFT PLAN: CITY OF SEATTLE

Multi-pronged strategy:

- Advocate bi-lingual community sign-up for alerting systems
 - Alert King County, Alert Seattle, Community Communications Network (CCN)
- Expedient translation / interpretation
 - Develop team of Language Communication Officers (LCOs)
 - Certified, may work remotely, part of responder notification
- Options beyond translation – signage, graphics, signals
 - Pre-crafted messages
 - Audio recordings
 - MOU with broadcast media

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