

If you are impacted by the devastating Southern California fires, there are resources for you. We've compiled as extensive a list as we could.

#### **IMMEDIATE RELIEF & SAFETY**

# **Emergency Services:**

- 911: For life-threatening emergencies.
- LAFD (Los Angeles Fire Department): Non-Emergency: (800) 755-1450 or (213) 978-3800; Website: https://www.lafd.org/
- LACoFD (Los Angeles County Fire Department): Non-Emergency: (323) 881-2411
   Website: https://www.fire.lacounty.gov/
- California Highway Patrol (CHP):
   Non-Emergency: (323) 980-4600 (Los Angeles Area); Website: https://www.chp.ca.gov/

### **Evacuation Centers & Shelters:**

- American Red Cross Los Angeles Region:
   Phone: (800) RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or (213) 739-5200; Website:
   https://www.redcross.org/local/california/losangeles.html
   They maintain a current list of open shelters during disasters.
- LA County Emergency Operations Center: Public Information Hotline: (213) 974-1234 Website: https://lacoa.org/. Check their website or call for updated shelter information.

### **Air Quality Information:**

 South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD): Phone: (800) 288-7664 or (909) 396-2000; Website: <a href="https://www.aqmd.gov/">https://www.aqmd.gov/</a>
 Provides real-time air quality updates and health advisories.

### **Road Closures & Traffic:**

 Caltrans (California Department of Transportation): Phone: (800) 427-7623
 Website: <a href="https://dot.ca.gov/">https://dot.ca.gov/</a>
 Use their QuickMap for real-time traffic and road closure information: <a href="https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/">https://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/</a>



#### FINANCIAL AND HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE

# **FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency):**

- FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency):
   Disaster Assistance Helpline: (800) 621-3362 (TTY:
   800-462-7585) Website:
   https://www.disasterassistance.gov/.
   Register for potential financial assistance,
   including housing, personal property loss, and
   other disaster-related expenses.
- California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES):
   Phone: (916) 845-8510; Website:
   <u>https://www.caloes.ca.gov/.</u>
   Provides information on state-level disaster relief programs.
- Small Business Administration (SBA): Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center: (800) 659-2955 (TTY: 800-877-8339)
   Offers low-interest disaster loans to businesses and homeowners.
- 211 LA County: Phone: 211 or (800) 339-6993
   Website: <a href="https://www.211la.org/">https://www.211la.org/</a>.
   Connects individuals with a wide range of social services, including housing, food assistance, and other disaster relief resources.
- The Salvation Army: Phone: (800) 725-2769
   Website: <a href="https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/">https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/</a>
   Provides emergency financial assistance,
   emergency housing, food, and other disaster
   relief services.
- Housing Is A Human Right: Phone: (213) 986-5757;
   Website: <a href="https://www.housinghumanright.org/">https://www.housinghumanright.org/</a>
- Provides information on local and state housing relief and connects individuals with resources.

### **EVENT INDUSTRY SPECIFIC RESOURCES**

- The SEARCH Foundation: Phone: (877) 477-4709;
   Website: https://www.searchfoundation.org/
   Provides financial assistance to event professionals impacted by crises. Their application process is streamlined during major disasters.
- Events Industry Council (EIC): Phone: 202-355-2424; Website: https://www.eventscouncil.org/ Offers resources and guidance for event professionals navigating disaster-related challenges

- Meeting Professionals International (MPI):
   Phone: (972) 702-3000; Website:
   https://www.mpi.org/.
   Offers various resources for members impacted by disaster through their chapter network.
- Professional Convention Management Association (PCMA): Phone: (312) 423-7262 Website: https://www.pcma.org/.
   Offers resources for members impacted by disaster through their chapter network.
- Society for Incentive Travel Excellence (SITE): Phone: (312) 321-5148; Website: https://www.siteglobal.com/
   Offers resources for members impacted by disaster through their chapter network.
- International Live Events Association (ILEA):
   Phone: (312) 321-6853; Website:
   https://www.ileahub.com/
   Offers resources for members impacted by disaster through their chapter network.

### **INSURANCE & LEGAL ASSISTANCE**

- California Department of Insurance: Consumer Hotline: (800) 927-4357; Website: https://www.insurance.ca.gov/ Provides information on insurance claims, policyholder rights, and assistance with disputes.
- United Policyholders: Phone: (415) 393-9990
   Website: https://www.uphelp.org/.
   A non-profit organization that advocates for insurance consumers and provides resources for disaster recovery.
- Disaster Legal Services (DLS) Program (Through the State Bar of California): Website: https://www.calbar.ca.gov/ (Search for "Disaster Legal Services")
   Connects low-income disaster survivors with free legal assistance for insurance claims, landlord-tenant issues, and other legal matters.
- Bet Tzedek Legal Services; Phone: (323) 939-0506; Website: https://bettzedek.org/
   Offers free legal services to low-income individuals in areas like housing, and public benefits, that could be impacted by the disaster.

## **VOLUNTEER & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- LA Works: Phone: (323) 224-6510 Website: <a href="https://www.laworks.com/">https://www.laworks.com/</a>; Connects volunteers with various organizations, including those responding to disasters.
- California Volunteers: Phone: (916) 323-7646
- Website: <u>https://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/</u>

### **MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING**

- Disaster Distress Helpline: Phone: (800) 985-5990 (TTY: 800-846-8517); Text: TalkWithUs to 66746 Website: https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline Provides 24/7 crisis counseling and support for individuals experiencing emotional distress related to disasters.
- Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health:
- Access Center 24/7 Helpline: (800) 854-7771
   Website: https://dmh.lacounty.gov/
   Offers mental health services and referrals.
- The California Peer-Run Warm Line: Phone: (855) 845-7415; Website: https://www.mentalhealthsf.org/peer-run-warmline/ Provides non-crisis emotional support and connects individuals with resources.

### **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

- Los Angeles Regional Food Bank: Phone: (323)
  234-3030; Website: <a href="https://www.lafoodbank.org/">https://www.lafoodbank.org/</a>
  Provides food assistance through a network of partner agencies.
- World Central Kitchen: Website: <a href="https://wck.org/">https://wck.org/</a>
   Activates during disasters to provide meals to those in need. Check their website for current deployments.
- California Association of Food Banks: Phone: (510) 350-9911; Website: <a href="https://www.cafoodbanks.org/">https://www.cafoodbanks.org/</a> Can connect individuals with food banks throughout California.

### **ANIMAL WELFARE**

- Los Angeles County Animal Care and Control: Phone: (562) 940-6898 Website: <a href="https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/">https://animalcare.lacounty.gov/</a>.
   Provides information on animal shelters, lost and found pets, and evacuation procedures for animals.
- ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals): Website: <a href="https://www.aspca.org/">https://www.aspca.org/</a>
   Offers disaster preparedness tips for pet owners and may deploy resources during major disasters.
- The Humane Society of the United States:
   Website: <a href="https://www.humanesociety.org/">https://www.humanesociety.org/</a>
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