



2025 Community Resilience Survey Otago region



# Survey Summary



The survey results reveal a complex picture of emergency preparedness among participants. Many participants acknowledge the importance of being prepared for emergencies, with a significant number having taken steps such as assembling emergency kits and investing in alternative power sources like solar panels and generators. However, there are notable gaps in preparedness, with some participants lacking formal household emergency plans and others unaware of community resilience groups in their districts. The majority of participants express a strong sense of personal responsibility for their own safety during emergencies, yet financial constraints and time management issues are common barriers to achieving full preparedness. Additionally, while many participants are aware of the potential impact of climate change on hazard behaviour, there is a need for more education and awareness to address gaps in knowledge and ensure comprehensive preparedness strategies.

Free-text responses highlight several key themes, including the need for clear and concise communication, community engagement, and personal responsibility. Participants express a desire for more structured and accessible information dissemination, with suggestions for regular reminders and checklists to motivate preparedness actions. There is a strong emphasis on the importance of community support, with many participants recognising the value of local response groups and neighbourhood plans. However, communication challenges are prevalent, with participants noting a lack of outreach and follow-up after expressing interest in community resilience efforts. The feedback underscores the importance of consistent communication and practical resources to enhance readiness for unexpected situations, as well as the need for improved public education and awareness campaigns to address gaps in knowledge and preparedness.

In conclusion, the survey results highlight both strengths and weaknesses in emergency preparedness among participants. While there is a strong foundation of personal and community-based knowledge, financial and informational barriers remain significant challenges. The importance of addressing these issues cannot be overstated, as the potential risks and consequences of not taking action could lead to increased vulnerability during emergencies. Enhancing communication and accessibility, as well as fostering community engagement and support, are crucial steps towards achieving comprehensive preparedness and resilience. By addressing these challenges and building on existing strengths, communities can better equip themselves to face the uncertainties of future emergencies and natural disasters.

#### Yes-No Questions



I understand that the behaviour of some hazards may change due to climate change?

Have you heard about an Alpine Fault (AF8) earthquake?

Do you believe you will be impacted by an Alpine Fault (AF8) earthquake?

I know where to find information about hazards that could affect myself or my family

Do you live, work or play within 5kms of a coastline?

Do you feel prepared for an emergency event?

Do you have a household emergency plan? This might include a completed household plan template or a family discussion.

Are you aware of the tsunami evacuation zones in your area?

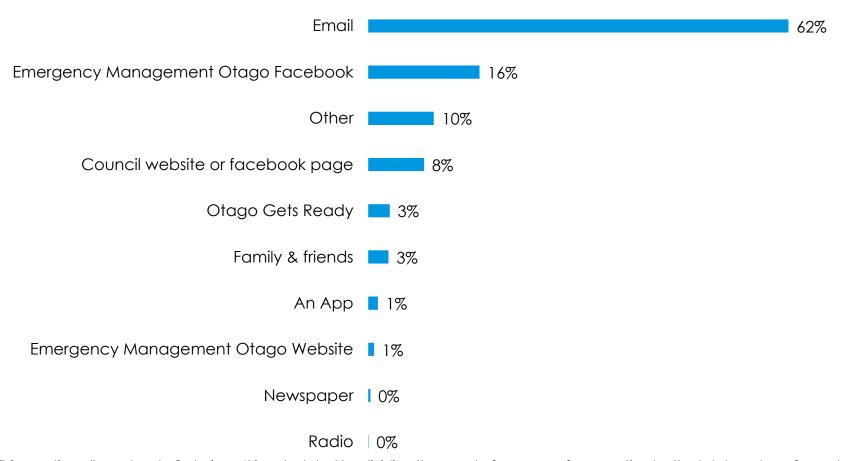
Are you a member of a Community Resilience Group in your district?







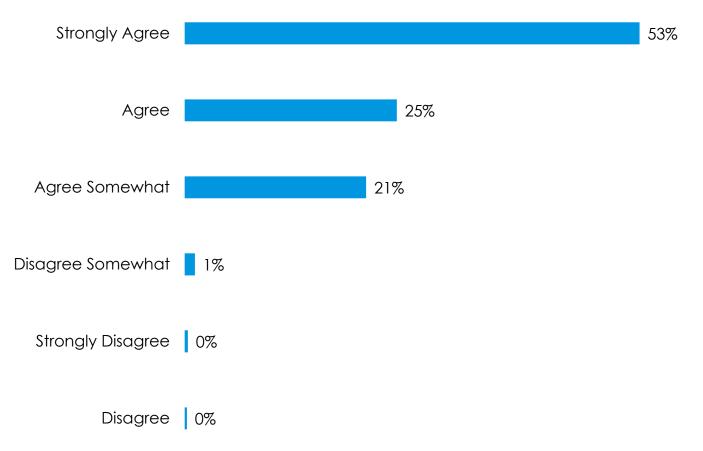
Before you start, how did you find out about this survey?







Do you consider emergency preparedness to be a personal responsibility?

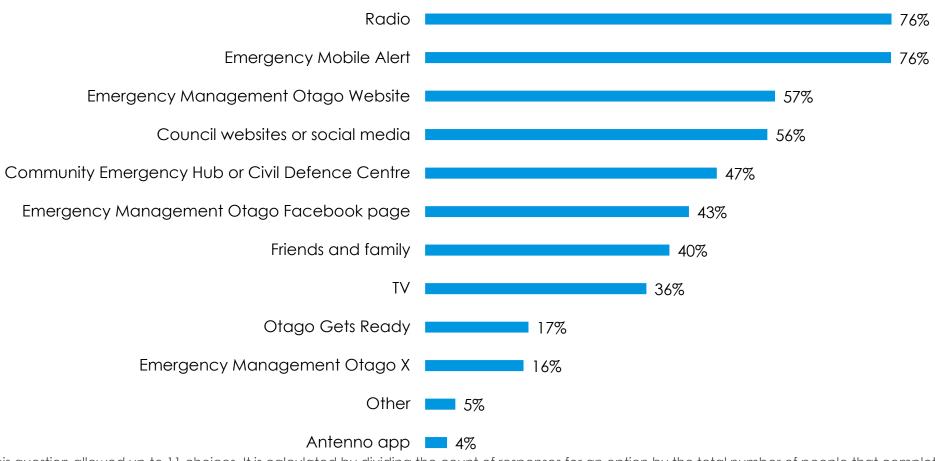








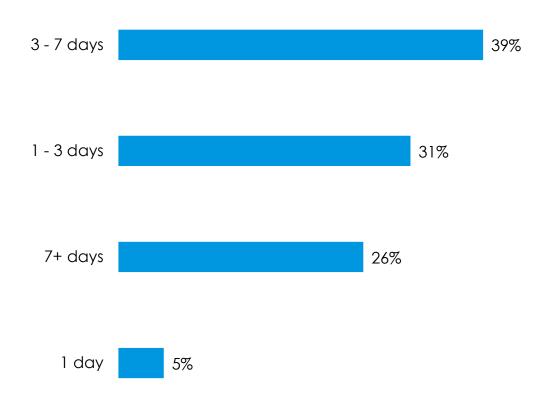
During a disaster, where would you look for information?







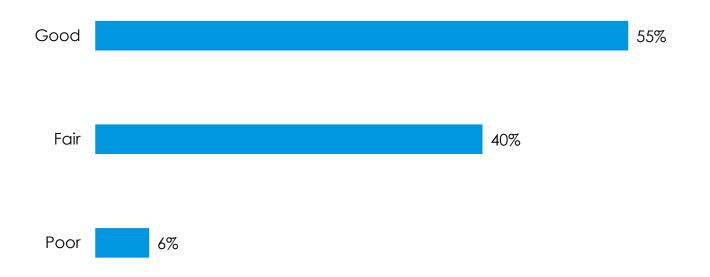
During an emergency, how many days is your household prepared to look after itself without assistance?







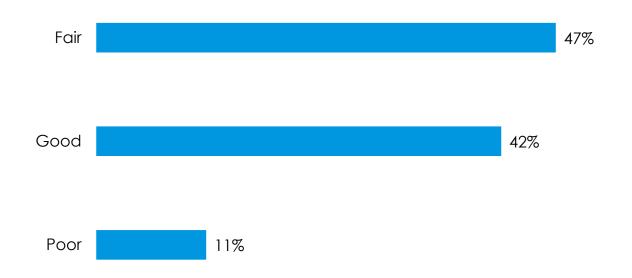
How would you describe your knowledge of earthquakes and their consequences?







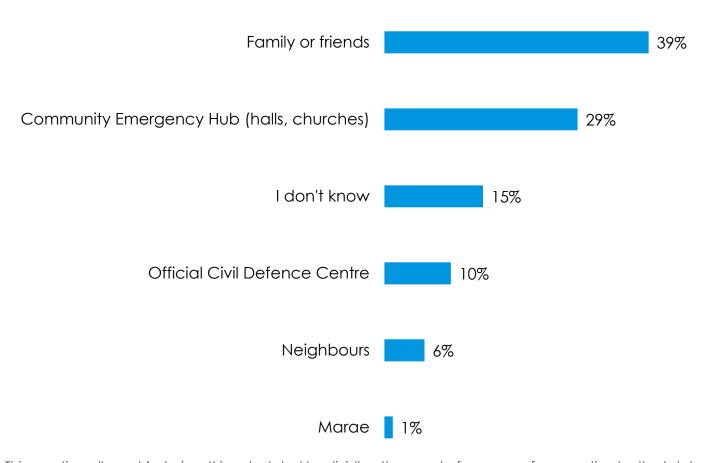
How would you describe your knowledge of tsunami and its consequences?







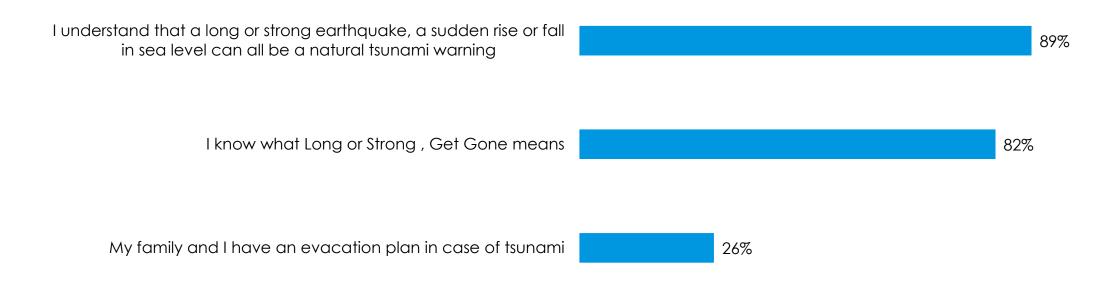
If you had to evacuate your home in a hurry, where would you go?







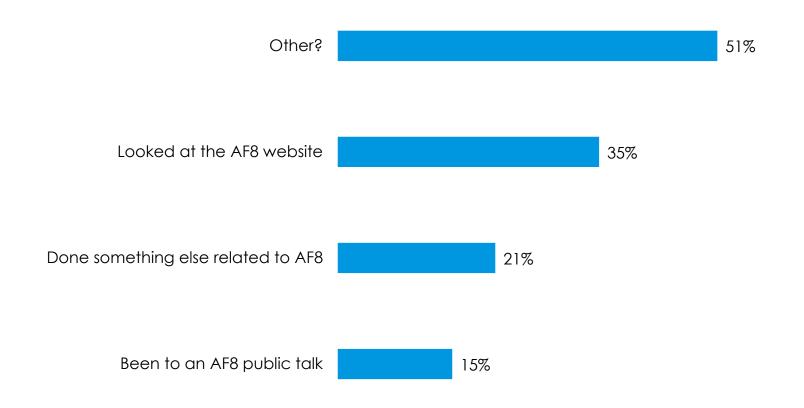
In regard to tsunami warnings, which of the following statements applies to you?







In the last two years, have you done any of the following?

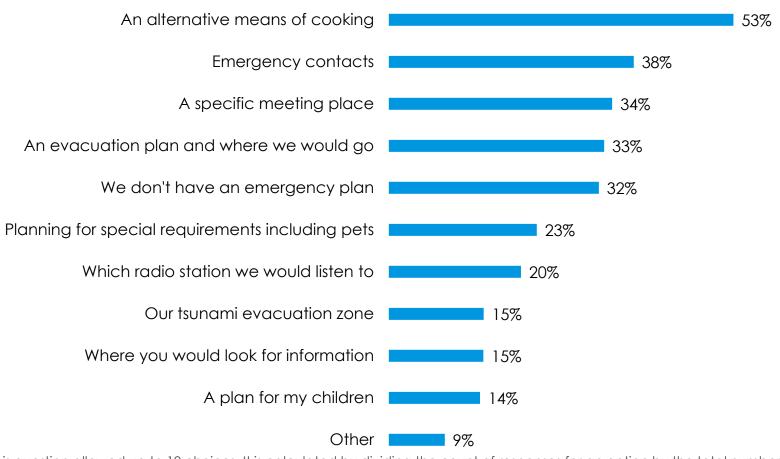








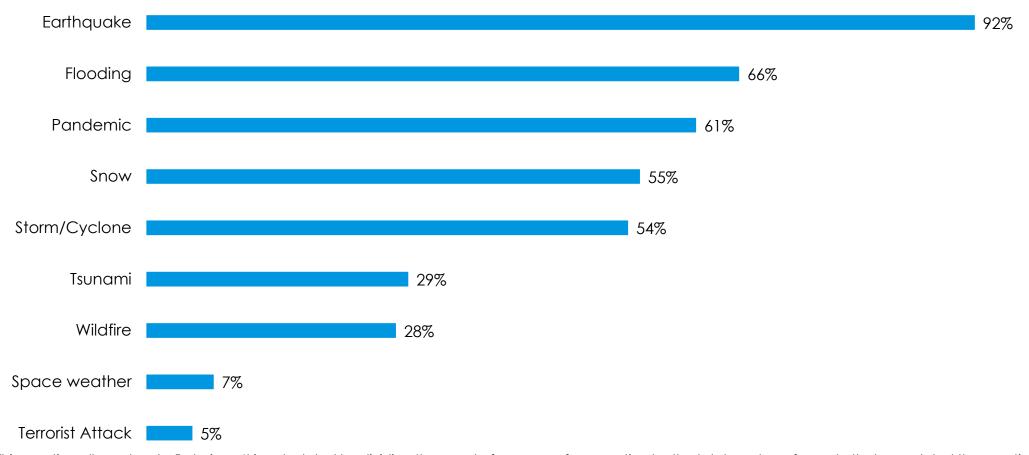
Thinking about your household emergency plan, which of the following have you included?







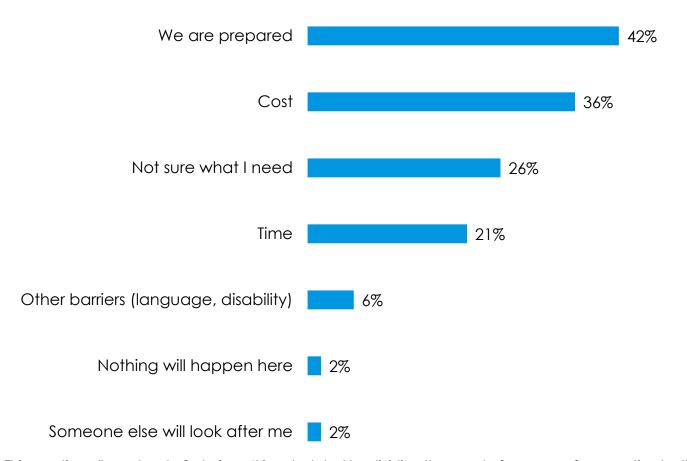
What are the main hazards in Otago that could affect you and your family?







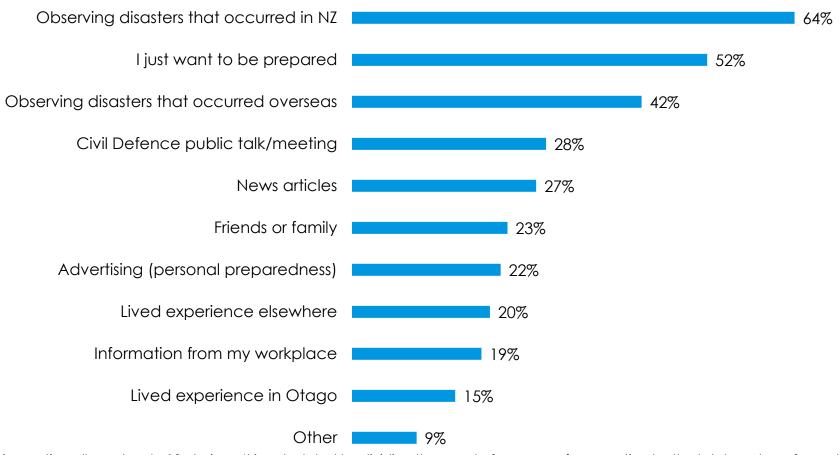
What are the top two reasons your household is not well prepared to look after itself without assistance?







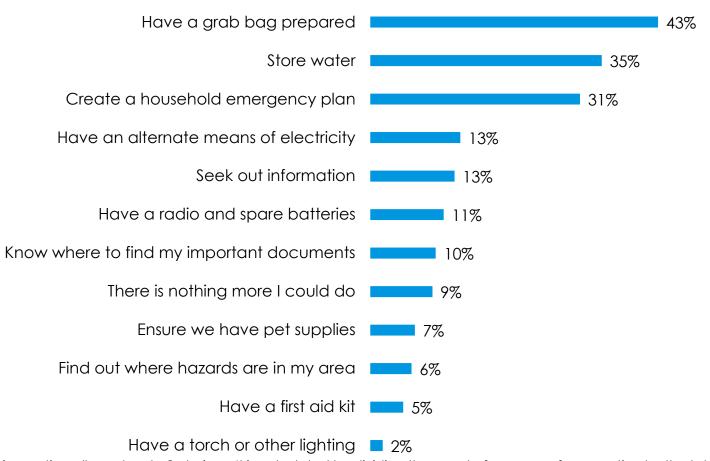
What prompted you to take actions to be prepared?







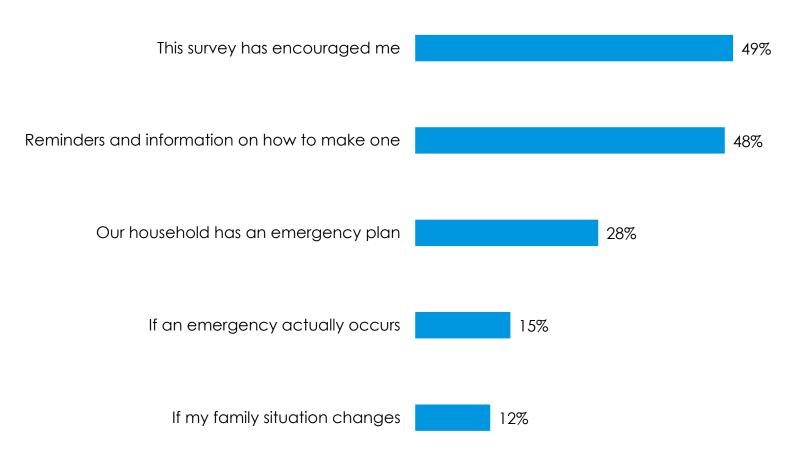
What two things could you do in the next 12 months to help your household be more prepared for an emergency?







What would encourage you to develop a household emergency plan?

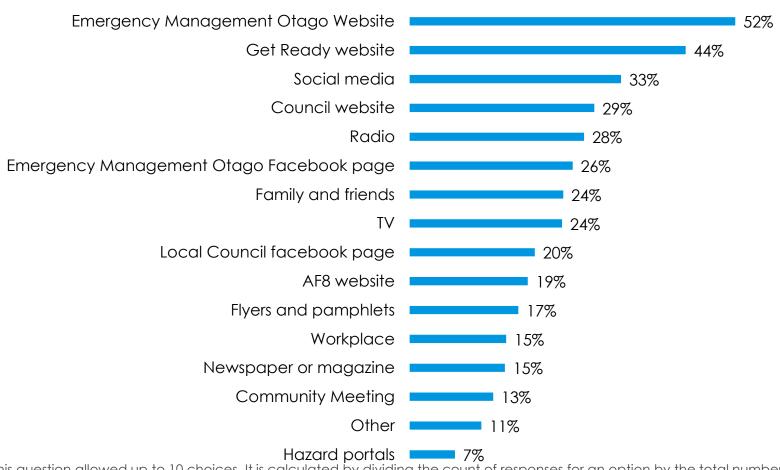








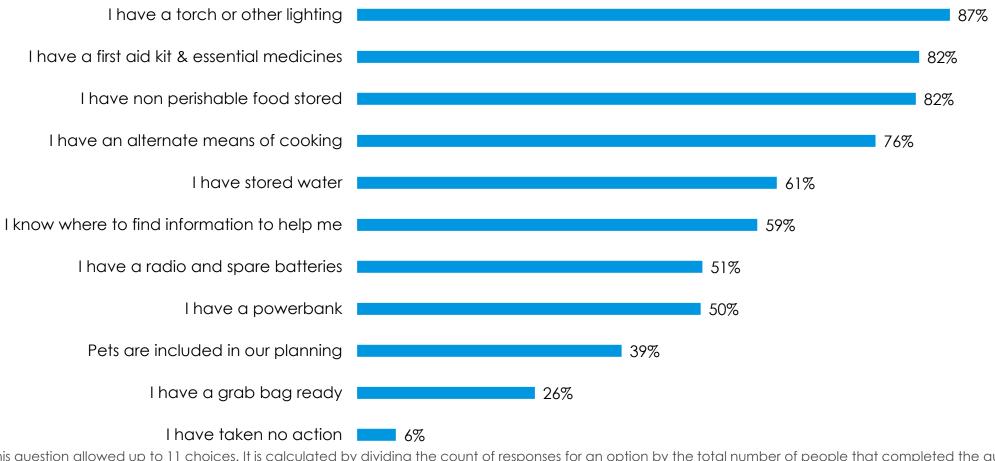
Where do you look for information to help you plan for emergencies?







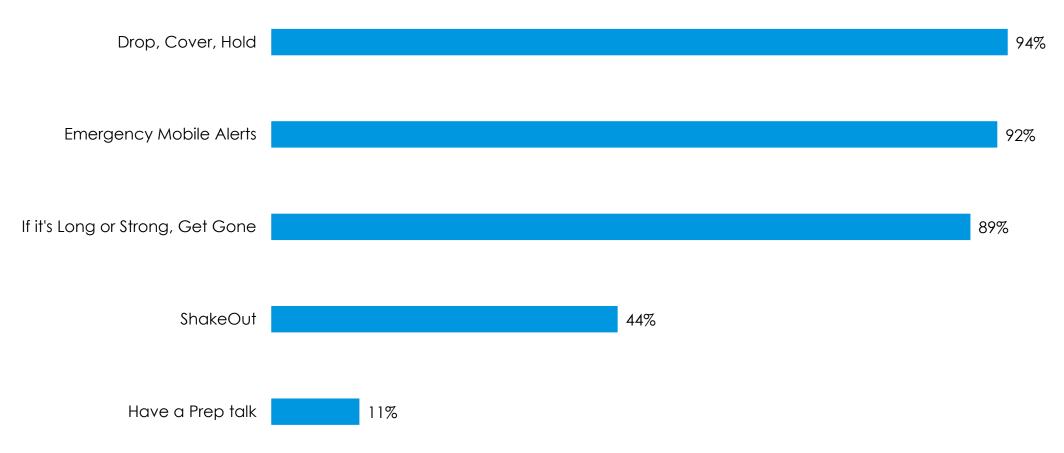
Which of the following actions (if any), have you taken to prepare yourself or your household for an emergency?







Which of the following are you familiar with?









In the event of an emergency, how much do you agree or disagree with the following?

