

## West, TX Explosion

Recovering from a disaster can be physically and mentally draining. When a fire or explosion occurs such as the one in West, TX, lives are suddenly turned around. One of the hardest things about a community tragedy is knowing where to begin and who to contact.

### Securing yourself and the site

Contact your local disaster relief services such as the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army to help with immediate needs.

**For information on family and loved ones in West, TX, there is an emergency hotline set up: 254-202-1100.**

### Local Resources:

American Red Cross of Central Texas  
<http://www.redcross.org/tx/austin>  
512-928-4271

Salvation Army in Texas  
<http://www.redcross.org/tx/austin>

Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA)  
[www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov)

### Local Shelters available:

- Central United Methodist Church
- Texas State Technical State College in Waco
- Blair's Cove Apartment in Waco
- Gholson ISD
- Gholson Baptist Church
- Latham Springs Inn
- Aquilla ISD
- Alliance Auto Auction on I-35
- Sykora Family Ford in West
- Abbot Community Center
- La Vega Veterinary Clinic- taking in small animals for the night

- Pharmacy at H-E-B store on Woodway is open
- The Home Depot in Bellmead has reopened for anyone needing to buy supplies.
- Organizations taking donations or items (clothing, blankets, etc.) for victims:
  - Scott and White Blood and Donation Center- taking blood donations overnight
  - Point West Bank - drop off or send to 200 West Oak Street, West 76691

### **What to do if you have been evacuated**

- Be sure to contact your family and friends to inform them of where you are.
- Bring cell phone chargers, batteries, personal belongings and other items that you may need if you are out of your home for more than a few days.

### **If your home is damaged**

Be sure not to throw any damaged goods away until after an inventory is made. All damage is taken into consideration in developing an insurance claim.

### **Resources Are Available**

Additional information, self-help tools and other resources are available online at [www.MagellanHealth.com/member](http://www.MagellanHealth.com/member). Or call us for more information, help and support. Counselors are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide confidential assistance at no cost to you.