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Call your Out-of-Area Contact person. Only call 9-1-1 if it is a life-threatening situation.

# **TEXT MESSAGING :**

Text messaging on your cell phone is a viable alternative to calling an out-of-area contact! This system is very robust during times of disaster. Text your loved ones to let them know *where* and *how* you are. Keep your message short.

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