

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What if I have to miss a class?

A: Classes may be made up with another jurisdiction prior to the final drill or complete the work later and graduate with a future class.

Q: Is CERT open to people with physical limitations?

A: Yes. Students must participate in all activities, but may do so in a team role they can perform. A doctor's approval may be advisable in some cases.

Q: May my son or daughter attend?

A: If there is room in the course, a youth as young as 16 may attend with his/her parent or guardian.

Additional information on CERT available at:

- www.fema.gov, or www.ci.kirkland.wa.us
- Robin Paster at 425-587-3659 and rpaster@ci.kirkland.wa.us

Registration form available at 425-587-3650, www.ci.kirkland.wa.us, or Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave., Kirkland, WA, 98033.

IT STARTS WITH YOU!

In 95 percent of all emergencies, the victim or bystander provides the first assistance on the scene.

WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO?

Are you prepared to take care of yourself and your family, and help your neighbors during an overwhelming disaster such as a major earthquake?

CERT training will teach you skills to reduce risk and limit damage to people and property. As a CERT member you join a team of trained, concerned citizens who help protect and strengthen our community.

No matter where you live, no matter who you are, you will experience a disaster. Isn't it better to be prepared?



WHAT IS CERT?

CERT is a national training program that prepares you to help your household, your neighbors and your greater community when emergency services personnel are unable to reach you right away.



WHO CAN TAKE CERT?

CERT training is for citizens, 18 and older who live or work in Kirkland and Fire District 41. Others may participate on a space-available basis.



COST

CERT training is free to citizens who live or work in Kirkland and Fire District 41. Others will be charged a course fee of \$25.00.

CERT TRAINING WILL TEACH YOU TO:

Identify and reduce hazards at home and work.



Prepare your home, vehicles, and workplace with emergency supplies.

Understand fire behavior and put out small fires.



Conduct light search & rescue operations

Apply basic medical & psychological techniques.



Assess minor to life-threatening injuries.

Lift heavy objects off trapped people.



Organize in teams using the Incident Command model.

WHEN IS CERT OFFERED?

Afternoon and evening classes are held in a variety of downtown Kirkland locations, during the winter, spring, and fall months. The day of the week varies with each course series. The three-hour class is held once a week, for seven weeks, followed by a six-hour weekend drill. Attendance at all classes is required.



WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME AS A CERT MEMBER

As a CERT member you will be expected to maintain your:

- Emergency supplies
- CERT skills
- Contact information

You will be encouraged to participate in on-going training/refresher opportunities, assist the CERT program and join the greater Kirkland Citizen Corps Council (www.kirklandcitizencorps.org).

