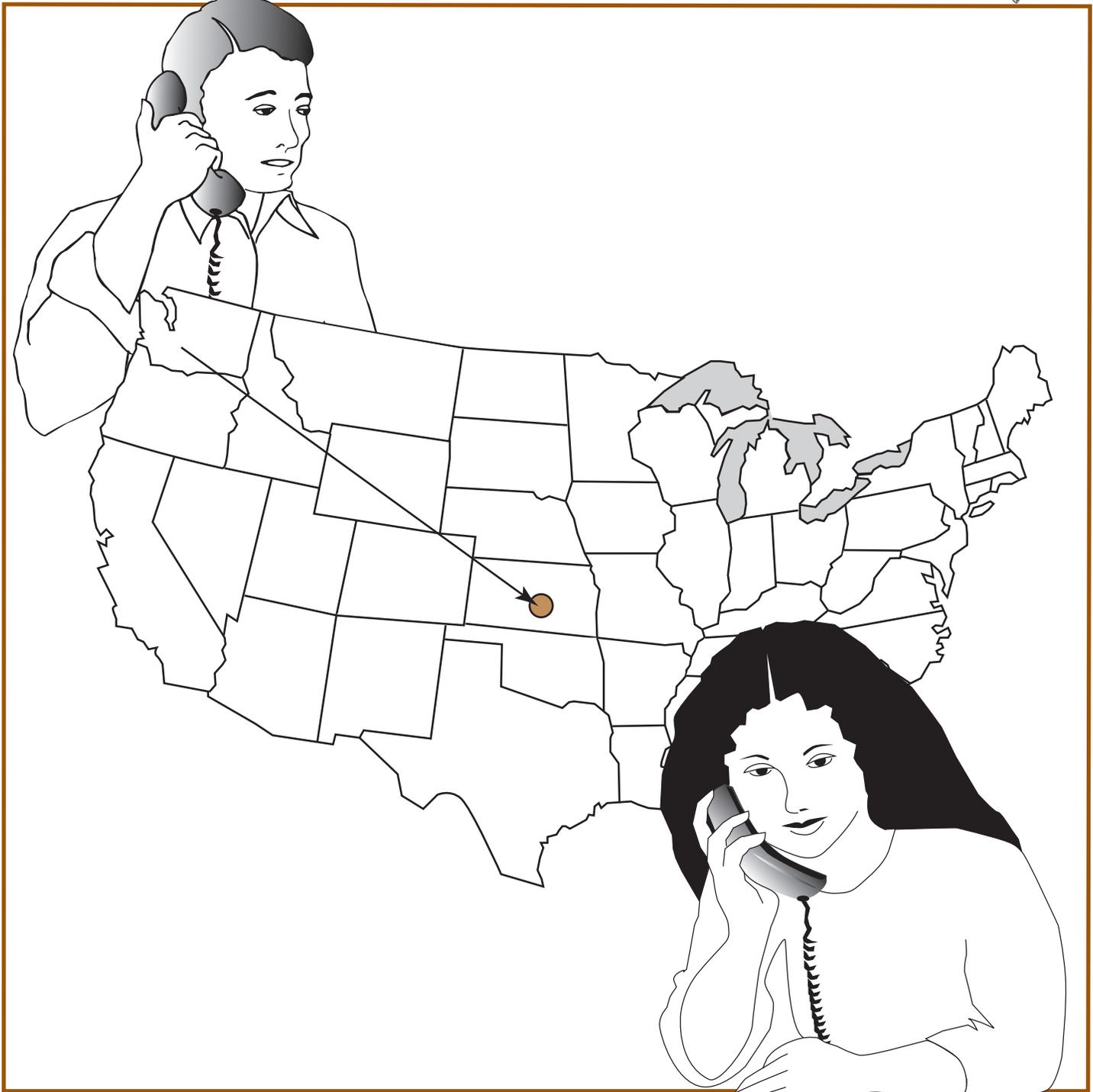


Out of Area Phone Contact



When disaster strikes, have an out of state contact



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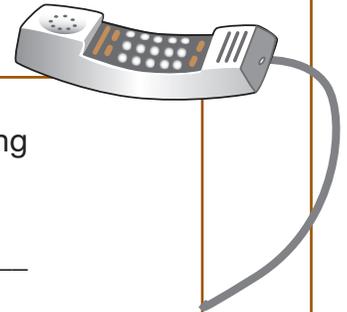


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The phone system will most likely become unavailable after a disaster, almost always caused by overuse of the system.

- ★ Stay off all phones, both cell and land line phones, for at least 3 to 5 hours after a disaster, **unless you need to call 911 for a life-threatening situation.**
- ★ Long distance lines are more reliable than local lines after a disaster. Ask a friend or relative who lives out of Washington State to be your “family contact.” Your family contact becomes a relay point to share information with all household members. Your plan depends on everyone knowing your out-of-area contact phone number.
- ★ Complete the following tasks within the next three days or sooner!



Choose an out-of-area contact person and complete the following information:

Out-of-area family contact name _____

() _____ (day) () _____ (evening)

E-mail _____

Share this information with your family, your children’s school, and your supervisors at work. The Seattle Office of Emergency Management has “Out-of-Area Contact Cards” printed for your use. Call 206-233-7123.

