



THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS

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AMERICAN RED CROSS SERVICES IN EMERGENCIES

In case of death, serious illness, injury, or any emergency which involves the immediate members of the family of a US serviceman or woman (or civilian member of the US Forces), the family should notify the Red Cross Chapter serving their community. Red Cross reports used for emergency leave purposes normally concern only members of the serviceman's immediate family, but under special circumstances reports may be requested when the emergency involves other relatives.

The Red Cross Chapter serving your community will telegram information about the emergency to the Red Cross Field Director serving your overseas APO. The Field Director will then notify you of the circumstances and confirm this information with the officer exercising emergency leave approval authority.

American Red Cross financial assistance is available to military personnel for expenses incident to travel and subsistence when traveling on approved emergency leave orders.

You should at all times keep your family informed of your current military address, APO, and Social Security Account Number.

NOTE: Immediate family is defined by military regulations to include mother, father, brother, sister, wife, child, and persons residing in loco parentis.