



RED ROVERS GUIDE

Escape & Evasion Strategy — Safe Routes · Exit Planning · Safe Houses · Executing Under Pressure

PURPOSE

A framework for Squirrels who must move — whether under political pressure, social threat, or economic necessity. Know your route before you need it.

◆ ESCAPE PHASES ◆



◆ I. UNDERSTANDING THE NEED ◆

IDENTIFYING THE REASONS

- ▶ **Political Oppression** — Persecution or threats due to political beliefs
- ▶ **Social Injustice** — Discrimination or violence based on identity (race, gender, religion)
- ▶ **Economic Hardship** — Seeking safety due to economic instability or poverty

ASSESSING PERSONAL RISK

- ▶ **Evaluate Your Situation** — Understand the level of threat and urgency
- ▶ **Consider Consequences** — Weigh risks to yourself and loved ones against the cost of staying
- ▶ **Decide Early** — Late decisions under pressure lead to poor execution

◆ II. PLANNING THE ESCAPE ◆

GATHERING INFORMATION

- ▶ Research safe routes and destinations
- ▶ Identify risks along each route
- ▶ Locate organizations and communities that provide shelter and support

DISCREET ESCAPE PLAN

- ▶ **Timing** — Late night or during public events minimizes detection
- ▶ **Transport** — Plan mode (foot, transit, vehicle) with contingencies
- ▶ **Comms** — Use code language with trusted allies only

ESSENTIAL DOCUMENTS

- ▶ ID, birth certificates, passports (*ref: Ground Squirrel Pack*)
- ▶ Medical records, emergency contacts
- ▶ Consider implications of any identity disguise carefully



SECRET SQUIRRELS

SELF-RELIANCE · COMMUNITY RESILIENCE · LIBERTY

◆ III. RESOURCES & SUPPORT ◆

BUILDING YOUR NETWORK

- ▶ Identify trusted allies — friends, family, local Squirrels
- ▶ Engage communities with relevant experience and knowledge
- ▶ Establish contact protocols before you need them

SEEKING ASSISTANCE

- ▶ Contact humanitarian organizations (NGOs) specializing in refugee aid
- ▶ Seek legal counsel — know your rights and asylum options
- ▶ Access legal advice early; options narrow under pressure

◆ IV. EXECUTION ◆

MAINTAINING SECRECY

- ▶ Disguise your intentions — share plans only on a need-to-know basis
- ▶ Use code language with allies to reduce detection risk
- ▶ Avoid digital communication where possible

TRAVELING SAFELY

- ▶ Stay aware — remain vigilant and adaptable throughout
- ▶ Travel light — only essentials; avoid drawing attention
- ▶ Have contingency routes prepared in advance

USING SAFE HOUSES

- ▶ Identify pre-arranged locations along your route
- ▶ Follow the rules and protocols of those providing assistance
- ▶ Recognize that helpers face real legal and personal risk — respect their commitment

⚠ PERSONAL DANGER — HELPERS AT RISK

Those who aid Red Rovers face significant risks including legal repercussions and potential violence. Their commitment is an act of moral courage. Never expose them unnecessarily.

◆ V. LESSONS FOR THE FUTURE ◆

EMPATHY, SOLIDARITY & COURAGE

- ▶ Understanding others' experiences fosters compassion and active support
- ▶ Encourage activism and advocacy to prevent situations that force escape
- ▶ Recognize the moral courage of those who risk themselves to help others
- ▶ Stand up for human rights — it is everyone's responsibility

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & EDUCATION

- ▶ Strong support networks are the difference between survival and failure
- ▶ Build inclusive communities that protect vulnerable members
- ▶ Promote awareness of legal rights and available resources
- ▶ Educate others — knowledge is protection before crisis arrives

A Squirrel who plans alone may escape alone. A Squirrel with a network brings others with them. Build your routes, know your people, and leave no one behind who wants to come.