



FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST



UNDERSTAND THE RISKS FOR YOUR AREA

- Know the disasters likely to occur in your area and how residents are warned.
- Learn about workplace, school and daycare emergency plans.
- Review all community evacuation routes out of the area.
- Research special assistance options for elderly people or those with disabilities.

WRITE DOWN EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS



- Program emergency numbers into cellphone contacts and post them near landlines.
- Pick one out-of-state and one local emergency contact for family members to call if they're separated.
- Teach children how and when to call 911, plus police and fire departments.
- Teach children your out-of-state contact's phone numbers and program them into household members' phones.



IDENTIFY ESCAPE ROUTES AND MEETING PLACES

- Find safe spots inside your home for each type of disaster.
- Draw a floor plan of each floor of your home. Mark exits, escape routes, utility shut-offs and emergency supply locations.
- Devise a plan to evacuate and provide for pets.
- Identify two escape exits from each room in your home.
- Install any equipment necessary for escape (window breakers, rope ladders, etc.).
- Pick two emergency meeting places outside your home:
 - 1) A meeting place near your home in case of a fire.
 - 2) A place outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home after a disaster.

PRACTICE WITH HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS



- Discuss with household members what to do during a fire, storm, earthquake, etc.
- Explain how to respond in case of power outages and personal injuries.
- Go over the home's floor plan and escape routes together.
- Instruct family members to consult a radio for information in an emergency.
- Show family members how to turn off water, gas and electricity at main switches.
- Review and practice drills for escaping and meeting up with all family members.



PACK AN EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT

- Keep family records in a waterproof and fireproof container.
- Review with family members the containers and locations of emergency kits.
- Prepare a disaster supplies kit or "go bag."