

FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

Regardless of the emergency situation or hazard anticipated, one of the best things you can do is to make a plan and prepare your family beforehand.

Create a Family Disaster Plan

Gather information

- What disasters or hazards are most likely in your community? For your home?
- How would you be warned?
- How should you prepare for each?

Know the emergency alert system for your area.

- Learn the warning systems for your community.

Obtain insurance for your family and home.

- Check your homeowners insurance
- Get additional coverage for situations that may not be covered.

Stay alert for emergency broadcasts.

- Emergency Alert System broadcasts
- NOAA weather radio alerts
- News and social media

Choose a post-hazard meeting place for your family.

- A safe distance from your home for sudden emergencies.
- Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home.
- Out of town location
- Learn where evacuation centers are located.

Make a family communication plan.

- Know how you will contact each other if you are at work, school or other location.
- Have an out-of-state friend or relative serve as an emergency contact for everyone to call.

- Keep a list of emergency phone numbers, including neighborhood contacts.
- Give emergency numbers to all family members and post by every phone.

Make a family emergency supply kit.

- You may need to survive on your own temporarily until you can get assistance.

Plan how you and your neighbors could work together during a disaster.

- Create a neighborhood communication plan.
- Help neighbors who have special needs, such as elderly or disabled persons.
- Make plans for childcare in case parents cannot get home.
- Learn plans for your work, children's schools, or other locations.

Don't forget to plan for your pets.

Family Emergency Plan Situations

Shelter-in-place

- Take immediate shelter wherever you are- home, work, school or in between- rather than entering into a hazardous situation.
- Used for situations such as severe storms, winter weather, biological emergencies.
- Time will vary- a few hours to several days.

Evacuation

- Leaving your current location and seeking shelter at a safer place.
- For situations such as flood, fire or chemical accidents.
- Time will vary- days, weeks, or until the area is habitable again.

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