



Make a Family Disaster Plan



Where will your family be when disaster strikes? At home? School? Work? Will you be able to contact each other? Will you know how to stay safe?

Creating a family disaster plan is the first step toward disaster safety. The next is making sure your family knows the plan. Conduct a drill at least once a year to keep everyone ready for the real thing.

Here's how to put together your family disaster plan:

Discuss these questions:

- What is my family/household communication plan?
- How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- What is my evacuation route?
- What is my shelter plan?
- Is my disaster supply kit up-to-date?

Keep in mind these specific household needs:

- Ages of household members
- Medical needs like prescriptions and equipment
- Disabilities or access and functional needs
- Dietary needs
- Pets or service animals
- Languages spoken

Set up a family meeting place:

- Pick two places to meet your family. Meet outside your home in case of a sudden emergency or at a friend's or neighbor's house if you can't return home.
- Be sure that everyone knows the address and phone number for each meet-up location.

Determine an emergency contact:

- Ask an out-of-town friend to be your emergency contact. Everyone must know this person's phone number. Family members should contact this person and tell them where they are located.