Homeland Security

Unlike with a Hurricane or a Flood there will likely be NO WARNING for a terrorist attack. Therefore, families need to plan ahead, practice the plan, communicate the plan and stock up on necessary supplies. Your family disaster plan should include emergency contacts, pre-identified meeting places and a disaster supply kit.

Have a Disaster Plan

■ Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet, i.e. your child’s school, a neighbor’s home or a public place of business or worship.
■ Establish an out-of-state contact, so all family members have a single point of contact, and identify at least two means of contact (telephone, email, etc.).
■ Create an evacuation or shelter-in-place plan for your pets
■ Post emergency telephone numbers by your landline telephones, in your smart phone, on the refrigerator or family bulletin board, in your wallet or purse and in children’s book bags or backpacks.
■ Teach children how and when to call 911.
■ Stock nonperishable emergency supplies and a disaster supply kit with these items: WATER – at least one gallon per person per day for three days; WATER – at least one gallon per person per day for three days; NONPERISHABLE FOOD – a three to seven day supply; BLANKETS, PILLOWS & OTHER BEDDING; CLOTHING; FIRST AID KIT MEDICINES; SPECIAL ITEMS FOR BABIES OR THE ELDERLY; TOILETRIES; MOIST WIPES; FLASHLIGHT BATTERIES; RADIO – Battery operated and NOAA All Hazards weather radio; CASH; EXTRA SET OF KEYS; TOYS, BOOKS & GAMES; SCANS OR COPIES OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS; TOOLS; VEHICLES WITH FULL GAS TANKS; PET CARE ITEMS; DUCT TAPE AND PLASTIC SHEETING.

Explosion

■ Leave premises as quickly and calmly as possible.
■ If items are falling from above seek shelter under a sturdy table or desk and exit as soon as possible.
■ If you are trapped in debris cover your mouth with a piece of cloth and tap on a pipe or wall so that rescuers can hear you. Shouting should be a last resort as it can result in inhalation of dangerous amounts of dust.

Bio-chemical Agent

■ Authorities will instruct you to either seek shelter and seal the premises or evacuate immediately.

Mail

■ Do not handle suspicious letters or packages and contact local law enforcement immediately.

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