



# Checklist for developing a Family Emergency Plan



## DISCUSS POTENTIAL EMERGENCIES

Talk with your family about the different types of emergencies that could occur in your area, such as natural disasters, active shooters, loss of electricity, or a house fire.

## IDENTIFY COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

Decide on a primary and secondary way to communicate with each other in case of an emergency. This could include phone calls, text messages, social media, a messaging app, satellite communicators or radio.

## SHARE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Make a list of emergency contacts, including phone numbers and addresses, and share it with everyone in your family. Have a printed copy where everyone knows where to find it.

## ESTABLISH EVACUATION ROUTES

Identify at least two evacuation routes from your home and make sure everyone knows how to get out. Practice the routes together as well as where to meet once you are out. Decide on at least two designated meeting places where you will meet if you get separated during an emergency.

## MAKE A PLAN FOR PETS

Decide what you will do with your pets during an emergency. Make sure you have supplies for them in your emergency kit and identify pet-friendly shelters or boarding facilities.

## PLAN FOR EMERGENCIES WHILE AWAY FROM HOME

Discuss and plan what you will do if an emergency occurs at work or school.

## PRACTICE THE PLAN

Once you have a family emergency plan in place, practice it regularly so that everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency.

## REVIEW AND UPDATE THE PLAN

Review your family emergency plan annually or whenever there are changes to your family situation or emergency preparedness resources in your community.

### Emergency Kit Supplies

- Flashlight
- First aid Kit
- Batteries
- Whistle
- Radio
- Extra clothes
- Blankets
- Water
- PhoneCharger
- Food
- ID Documents
- Cash
- Medications for family/pets
- Extra Keys
- Pet Supplies (food, leash)
- Maps
- Emergency Contact list.
- Have at least half a tank of gas in your vehicle at all times.