Identify Hazards & Risks

Hazards are anything that can cause harm. Risk is the chance that the hazard will occur.

Local officials are responsible for helping identify, respond to, and notify you regarding potential hazards in your area.

Consider Specific Family Needs

Do you have pets?
Does anyone have special needs?
Does anyone have accessibility issues?
Are there must have medications?

Practice Your Plan

- Practice your plan every 6 months
- Check your disaster kit every 3 months
- Replace stored water and food every 3 months
- Update emergency contact info as they occur

Hold a Family Meeting

- Discuss why it is important to be prepared
- Review likely disasters that may impact you
- Assign individual responsibilities if needed
- Discuss evacuation routes
- Decide on locations where to meet if something occurs
- Discuss how you will communicate in an emergency

Prepare

- Assemble a disaster supply kit
- Locate safe places in your home
- Become trained in CPR and first aid
- Show all family where to shut off utilities
- Make a complete home inventory
- Know how to use a fire extinguisher, and when
- Post emergency contacts

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