



# Creating Your Emergency Safety Plan

Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for a major disaster.

- Discuss the types of disasters that are most likely to happen and explain what to do in each case.
- Pick two places to meet:
  1. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.
  2. Outside your neighborhood in case you can't return home. Everyone must know the address and phone number.
- Ask an out-of-state friend to be your "family contact." Other family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know the contact's phone number.
- Assemble a Disaster Supply Kit and discuss your special needs.



## Complete This Emergency Checklist

- Post emergency telephone numbers by phones (fire, police, ambulance, etc.).
- Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1.
- Show each family member how and when to turn off the utilities (water, gas, and electricity) at the main switches.
- Check if you have adequate insurance coverage.
- Train each family member to use a fire extinguisher and show them where it's kept.
- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms.
- Conduct a home hazard hunt.
- Stock emergency supplies.
- Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class.