



'Check' Your Home Preparedness Level

You cannot predict when you and your family will be faced with an emergency. Help protect your loved ones by developing a home emergency response plan. The following checklist can help you develop a plan. If you answer "yes" to the majority of the questions on the checklist, you are well on your way toward developing a comprehensive plan. If you answer "no" to many of the questions, you should develop a plan using the questions as a guide.

- YES** **NO** Do you have a home emergency plan? Does it cover all emergencies, including fire, weather, etc.? Does your family practice the plan?
- YES** **NO** Does your plan include smoke, gas and carbon monoxide detectors?
- YES** **NO** Do you have a weather radio? Do all family members know what the signals mean?
- YES** **NO** Can each member of your family tell you two ways out of your home? If your second way out of a two-story home is a window, do you need a safety ladder? If you live in a high-rise, does your family know and practice two ways out of the building?
(Remember that elevators should never be used during a fire.)
- YES** **NO** Can all members of your family operate all locks, windows and doors to aid escape?
- YES** **NO** Does your family understand to leave or seek shelter when an alarm sounds?
- YES** **NO** Does each member of your family know where to go after evacuating your home?
- YES** **NO** Does each member of your family know who to call for help? Are the telephone numbers posted?
- YES** **NO** In a weather-related emergency, does your family know where to seek shelter?
- YES** **NO** Are batteries in smoke detectors routinely replaced?
- YES** **NO** Does your family understand that once they are outside, they should stay outside?
- YES** **NO** Do you have fully stocked first aid kit?
- YES** **NO** Do you have a fire extinguisher, and is it serviced regularly?
- YES** **NO** Do you encourage family members to take first and CPR classes?
- YES** **NO** If needed, do members of your family know how to shut off your home's water, gas and electricity?
- YES** **NO** Does your plan cover who should be called in case of a utility problem?
- YES** **NO** Do you maintain a supply of tarps or plywood to cover openings created by a storm or fire?



YES **NO** Do you have flashlights, radios and batteries located in a central area known to all family members?

YES **NO** Do you have a written inventory and photographs of all valuable items in your home? Do you have more than one copy located outside of your home?

YES **NO** If you have pets, have you provided for them in your home emergency plan?

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