



A safe home is in your hands.

## Communications Plan



Every family needs to know what they would do if something bad happens. Taking steps to prepare ahead of time is very important.

Being prepared starts with talking about it. Tell your children it is always good to have a plan. Tell them the grownups who love them will be there to help them. Develop a family communication plan so you would know how to find each other if you are in different places when the disaster happens. Put together disaster supply kits to keep in your home.

### Talk About Disasters



- Talk about the kinds of disasters that can happen where you live.



- Tell your children that you or another grownup will be there to help if something happens. Talk about how a relief worker, firefighter, police officer, teacher, neighbor or doctor might help.



- Make plans so everyone will know what to do.



- Pick safe places in your home where you can go if there is a tornado.



- Pick safe places to take cover if there is an earthquake.



- Put a list of emergency numbers by each telephone in your home. Tell your children what each number is for. You should also list the work and cell phone numbers of family members.

**Your communication plan should include:**



- Places in and out of your town where you and your family could meet.



- Phone numbers of in-town contacts.



- An address and phone number of someone out of town (this could be a friend or relative).



- You can write this information on a card that each family member keeps with them.

## Be Prepared



- Put together the things you will need for an emergency.

- Be “Ready-to-Go” or “Ready-to-Stay” in an emergency.

[Click here](#) to download Communication Cards for your family.



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