

Household emergency plan

ACTION CHECKLIST

Agree on how to receive warnings, where to shelter, when and where to evacuate, and how to reconnect if separated. Write the plan down and include people who need medication, mobility assistance or caregiver support.

[] Identify local risks

Use local emergency management information and plan for likely hazards.

[] Choose meeting places

Pick a nearby safe place and an out-of-area destination plus backup routes.

[] Assign contact arrangements

Name an out-of-area contact, write phone numbers and agree on check-in times.

[] Practice and update

Run a simple drill and revise for changes in health, school, work or pets.

WATCH FOR

A plan that depends on one vehicle or one working phone network needs alternatives.

IF HELP IS UNAVAILABLE

Give each household member a written copy with two meeting places, two contacts and essential medical details. Practise the plan with phones off. Include a destination you can actually reach without an official shelter or rescue transport.

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Full guide: <https://ospreyzero.com/preparedness/household-emergency-plan/>

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