



FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

This document outlines essential strategies, resources, and actions your family can take to prepare for various emergencies, including natural disasters, health crises, and unexpected events. By following this plan, you can enhance your family's preparedness, ensure effective communication, and foster resilience in the face of uncertainty.

Disasters can happen at any time, and having a plan in place can make all the difference in keeping your family safe. This guide provides vital steps for creating a comprehensive home disaster plan for your family.

1. Understand the Risks

Identify potential hazards in your area, such as:

Severe weather (storms, floods, tornados)

Fires

Power outages

Public health emergencies

2. Emergency Contacts

Create a list of important contacts, including:

Family members and close friends

Neighbors

Local emergency services (fire, police, hospitals)

Out-of-state contacts (it may be easier to reach someone far away)

See page 2

3. Family Communication Plan

Establish a communication plan that includes:

How you will contact each other (text, call, social media)

Where you will meet if separated during a disaster

Designate an out-of-state relative or friend as a point of contact

See page 2

4. Emergency Kit

Prepare an emergency kit with essential supplies:

See page 5

5. Evacuation Plan

Plan your evacuation route and identify:

Nearest shelters or evacuation points

Transportation options (vehicle, public transport)

How pets will be included in the plan

Be familiar with the routes and practice driving them with your family.

See page 3

6. Home Safety Measures

Prepare your home by:

Securing heavy furniture, appliances, outdoor furniture and items

Identifying safe spots during earthquakes (under sturdy furniture)

Ensuring smoke detectors, carbon monoxide, and fire extinguishers are in working order

7. Stay Informed

Monitor local news and radio channels for weather updates and emergency alerts.

Utilize weather apps and make sure emergency notifications are turned on on your mobile device

Invest in a NOAA weather radio for your home

Do not rely on outdoor warning sirens while inside your home. Outdoor warning sirens are intended for outdoor use only.

Stay updated on emergencies by opting in to receive notifications.

Text your zip code to 888777 for Delaware County emergency alerts.

Or visit [nixle.com](https://www.nixle.com) to sign up for alerts.

8. Revisit, Practice and Update Your Plan

Review and update your disaster plan regularly, especially after significant changes such as moving, new family members, or changes in contact information.

Conduct regular drills with your family to ensure everyone knows what to do during an emergency. This helps ensure that your plan is effective and familiar to all family members.

Additional Resources

Delaware County Emergency Management: [<https://www.co.delaware.in.us/department/index.php?structureid=13>]

Follow us on Facebook [<https://www.facebook.com/DelawareCoIndianaEMA/>]

Ready.gov: [<https://www.ready.gov/be-informed>]

NOAA Severe Weather Awareness https://www.weather.gov/mob/Severe_Tornado

TRAVEL ADVISORY LEVELS

ADVISORY	The lowest level of local travel advisory, means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas.
WATCH	Means that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. During a "watch" local travel advisory, only essential travel, such as to and from work or in emergency situations, is recommended, and emergency action plans should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations.
WARNING	The highest level of local travel advisory, means that travel may be restricted to emergency management workers only. During a "warning" local travel advisory, individuals are directed to: (A) refrain from all travel; (B) comply with necessary emergency measures; (C) cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans; and (D) obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

Tornado Sheltering Guidelines

Seek the best available refuge area **immediately** when a Tornado Warning is issued. Your chance of surviving a tornado is excellent if you follow these guidelines.

WORST OPTIONS	BAD OPTIONS	GOOD OPTIONS	BEST OPTIONS
Mobile homes Vehicles Underneath a highway overpass	Large open rooms like gymnasiums Manufactured housing	Interior room of a well-constructed home or building Basement	Above or below ground Tornado Storm Shelter (NSSA/ICC 500 compliant)* Specifically-designed FEMA Safe Room*
Find another option ➡		Stay in place until all clear	

PHOTO: U.S. Air Force -Tech. Sgt. Bradley C. Church *Recommended by FEMA

WARNING	<u>HAZARDOUS WEATHER IS OCCURRING, IMMINENT, OR LIKELY. PEOPLE MUST TAKE PROTECTIVE ACTION.</u>
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WATCH	RISK OF HAZARDOUS WEATHER HAS INCREASED, BUT VERY POSSIBLE. LOCATION AND TIMING UNCERTAIN.
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ADVISORY	<u>HAZARDOUS WEATHER IS OCCURRING, IMMINENT, OR LIKELY. IT IS LESS SERIOUS THAN WARNINGS, BUT CAN CAUSE INCONVENIENCE OR THREATEN LIFE.</u>
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PREPAREDNESS, SAFETY, AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Household Address				
Address	Apt/Lot	City/Town/	State	Zip

Household Members				
Name	Relation	Phone		

Pets				
Name	Type	Microchip		

Primary Emergency Contact				
Name	Relation	Phone		
Address				

Secondary Emergency Contact (Out of State)				
Name	Relation	Phone		
Address				

Local Contact 1				
Name	Relation	Phone		
Address				

Local Contact 2				
Name	Relation	Phone		
Address				



Emergency Meeting Places

Tornado Meeting Place:



Location

Address

Fire Meeting Place



Location

Address

In Case of Evacuation

Location

Address

House Layout



(Attach a simple drawing or floor plan of your home indicating the following:)

Escape routes (primary and alternate)

Location of fire extinguishers

Locations of exits and windows

Location of Utility Room, Shut offs Etc.

Designated safe places for tornadoes (interior rooms, basements)

Emergency supply kit location

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Important Documents and Information

Utilities			
Service	Company	Phone Number	Account Number
Water			
Gas			
Electric			
Other			
Other			

Home Insurance			
Address	Company	Phone	Policy Number

Item Insurance	This field is all items covered under insurance, Vehicles, Boats, RVs, Recreational Vehicles, Etc. Does not include Health or Home		
Type (Vehicle, Boat, Etc.)	Company	Phone	Policy Number

Health Insurance			
Type	Company	Phone	Policy Number

Banking Info			
Service	Phone	Routing Number	Account Number

Organize the following essential documents, make copies and add them to this document.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Birth Certificates -Social Security Cards -Insurance Policies (Home, Auto, Health) -Utility Account and Phone Numbers -Proof of property ownership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Medical Records -Prescriptions and Medication Lists -Financial Information (Bank Account Numbers) -Household Inventory List Bank Account Info
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Family Member Profile

Make copies and complete this form for each member of your family residing in your household

Attach Photo

Full Name		
Last	M	First
Date of Birth		
Month	Day	Year
SOC	County	
License Number	Passport Number	
SEX	HGT	WGT
EYES	HAIR	DNR YES NO If yes. Provide Info

Address				
Street	City	State	ZIP	Apt

Blood Type
Allergies

List of Medications	Disabilities, Special / Functional Needs
Medical History	

Doctor

Place of Work

Family		
Name	Relation	Phone

Phone 1
Work Phone
Social Media Handles