

Make a Plan

Think about what challenges you might face in an emergency. Then decide how you're going to weather the storm.

- Learn about emergencies most likely to happen where you live, learn, and work.
- Talk with household members about what you would do in an emergency.
- Make sure to plan for the needs of children, household members with disabilities, and pets.
- People with disabilities and functional needs should develop a plan with their support network, including transportation and in-home support services. Idea: Give a spare key to a member of your network along with information about your supplies and equipment.
- Check your home emergency supplies—what you have and what you need. [Assemble a Home Emergency Supply Kit and a Grab-N-Go bag.](#)
- Identify an out-of-town contact and make sure all household members have the contact number in writing.
- Choose three places to meet—one outside your home, one outside your neighborhood, and one outside your town.
- Determine directions and alternate routes.
- Practice your evacuation plan twice a year and drive or walk your planned routes.
- Check your home insurance coverage, including flood insurance, and talk to your insurance agent to learn more.

Take your plan with you

- [Use tools from our partners](#) to print emergency contact cards and other printed home plans. Carry your plan with you wherever you go.

More Info

- [Plan Together for an Emergency](#)
- [Make a Family Communications Plan](#)
- [Communicating Before, During & After Disasters](#)