

Part 2 Assessing Our Vulnerability

Reasons for Preparedness

Creature comforts and convenience could easily sum-up the lives of many Americans. Our modern era has removed us from the skills and knowledge of those who have gone before us, those who lived in more difficult times. Today, we are so accustomed to technology and its benefits that we cannot think of life without it. How did former generations cope?

A. Considering your personal life and the supporting community infrastructure, list as many things as you can think of that DEPEND ON ELECTRICITY. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- communications & entertainment: *cell phone, television,...*
- comfort & convenience: *electric lights, hair dryer,...*
- appliances: *refrigerator, freezer,...*
- life necessities: *banking, drinking water,...*
- transportation: *fuel pumps,...*
- health related: *medical records,...*
- other:

B. Make two lists. On one, identify as many potential natural disasters as you can think of. On the other list, identify man-made disasters or emergencies that could potentially threaten you or your family.

Natural Disasters	Man-made Disasters
tornado flood	airplane crash explosion

Do not go to the next page until you have considered responses for “A” and “B”!