

EMERGENCY: Prepare. Be Ready. Go!



In times of emergencies, being prepared is crucial!

A grab-and-go bag is a compact emergency kit that you can quickly take with you if you need to leave in a hurry. It's wise to have grab-and-go bags ready for your home, workplace, and vehicle.

Store these kits in an easily accessible area of your home, like a hall cupboard, spare room, or garage.

Ideally, each family member, including your pets, should have their own grab-and-go bag.

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| <input type="radio"/> Water: Four (4) litres per person per day for drinking and sanitation. | <input type="radio"/> Waterproof document wallet with copies of important papers such as insurance and identification |
| <input type="radio"/> Phone charger and power bank or inverter | <input type="radio"/> Cash in small bills |
| <input type="radio"/> Small battery-powered or hand-crank radio | <input type="radio"/> Garbage bags and zip lock bags |
| <input type="radio"/> Battery-powered or hand-crank torch | <input type="radio"/> Seasonal clothing and sturdy footwear |
| <input type="radio"/> Extra batteries (place in zip-lock bag) | <input type="radio"/> Multi-tool |
| <input type="radio"/> Small First-aid kit and medications | <input type="radio"/> Dust mask |
| <input type="radio"/> Sanitiser/Disinfectant | <input type="radio"/> Whistle |
| <input type="radio"/> Wipes | <input type="radio"/> Local map with your family meeting place identified |
| <input type="radio"/> Emergency Blanket and/or sleeping bag | <input type="radio"/> Pen and notepad (recommend waterproof) |
| <input type="radio"/> Water purification tablets/drops | <input type="radio"/> Wallet & keys |
| <input type="radio"/> Duct tape & Waterproof matches | <input type="radio"/> Moist towelettes for personal sanitation |
| <input type="radio"/> Personal toiletries and items, such as an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses | <input type="radio"/> Copy of your emergency plan |

Optional extras:

- High Vis Vests
- Deck of Playing cards
- Head Lamp/Torch
- Fireproof document wallet
- Portable hard drive (with computer back-up) and
- USB with scanned copies of important documents (including; identification insurance, rental leases etc...)

Prepared, Informed and Ready



Water must be safe to drink

Purchase bottled water for an emergency kit. Keep it in its original container in cool and dark place that's easy to reach.

You should not:

- Open the water until you need it
- Use water that's past the expiry or "best before" date printed on the bottle
- Use water from toilet tanks or bowls, radiators, waterbeds, swimming pools or spas

If regular water supply becomes contaminated, you can purify and bottle your own water. If you use a water filtration device, it's still a good idea to store some bottled water as well.



Emergency and survival plans

Having an emergency plan is an important step towards preparing your household to survive and cope during emergencies.

A few hours spent working through simple planning tasks with your household, putting aside supplies and securing your home can increase the chances of survival during an emergency.

It's important to include all household members when developing your plan and if you live alone consider creating a plan with a neighbour or close friend.

The best emergency plans include the following:

- What you plan to do before an emergency to be ready.
- What you plan to do during an emergency to keep safe and minimise the effect on your property.
- What you plan to do after the emergency to help recover and return to life as soon as possible.



Get all household members involved

Involving all household members in developing your emergency plan means that everyone will know:

- The potential risk and impacts
- What they need to do to prepare
- How to stay in contact with each other
- Who to contact during an emergency
- Actions to take before, during and after an emergency



Need more information to help you prepare?

- Bushfire Survival Plan - dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/prepare
- Cyclone Survival Plan - dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/cyclone/prepare
- Flood Preparation - dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/flood/prepare
- Storm Preparation - dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/storm/prepare
- Pet and Animal Plan - dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information



Keep informed of emergency information

- Call '000' for life threatening emergencies
- Bureau of Meteorology - Weather Warnings - 1300 659 210
- Your local ABC Radio Station

Want some advice? Get in touch

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