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CRISIS MANAGEMENT & SUPPORT

GO BAG and Grab BAG:

Basically you need to have a piece of luggage and some kind of backpack, or bags, packed that you could grab it in an instant. Whether it is a house fire, an earthquake or an emergency evacuation, having a bag prepared can help save your life or, at the very least, provide you with everything you may need in case you are evacuated. Each family member (even pets and kids) should have their go bag and every family should have documents and important items in their grab bag.



- Change of clothes (take climate into consideration)
- Good, sturdy shoes + socks
- Toothbrush + toothpaste, soap & other necessary toiletries
- Spare pair of prescription eyeglasses
- Comfort items or toys
- Flashlights (pack spare batteries)
- Whistle and a pocket knife (such as a Swiss Army Knife)
- Extra snacks
- Enough medicine to last an extended evacuation period
- Pet, child, and elderly care needs



- Positive Identification, such as drivers license, state I.D. card
- Check visas and passport dates
- Photocopy of your passport
- Other government issued identification
- Photocopy of the deed to your house
- Home and vehicle insurance policy
- Photocopy of health insurance documents
- Photos of family (for identification purposes)
- Local map and local emergency contact info (ex. shelters)
- Emergency cash
- Weather appropriate clothing (e.g., poncho, headwear, gloves)
- Water bottles + food (something easy to open)
- Spare house keys
- Special needs items (such as an inhaler)
- Cell phone charger and MP3 radio

When an evacuation is a possibility:

Discuss contingency plans with family members and make a list of items to pack in each suitcase (normally each evacuee is allowed one suitcase). Pack luggage with suitable clothing and essential items. Remember seasonal changes/weather conditions. Engage the children in packing their own backpacks or carry-on bags with toys, snacks, games, books, and other comforting items.

Make sure carry-on baggage includes the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medications (prescription and over the counter) | <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance – personal property, policies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical/dental records, immunization cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra glasses and prescriptions | <input type="checkbox"/> ATM card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School records, report cards, test scores, and current samples of work | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current power of attorney | <input type="checkbox"/> Bills/financial records |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificates, naturalization certificates, marriage certificates, adoption papers | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe deposit box keys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passports | <input type="checkbox"/> Address book |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license, auto insurance policies, auto registration, and title, if applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> List of doctors, dentists, lawyers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal checks, check registers, latest bank statement | <input type="checkbox"/> Travelers checks; U.S. currency, if possible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Will | <input type="checkbox"/> Household effects inventory |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Household goods insurance policy |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Evacuation travel orders |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal items and change of clothes |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks, juice, books |

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- Update household effects inventory of items at post.
 - Consolidate all personal records, financial documents, school records, etc.
 - Prepare your house for departure -- secure valuables.
 - Plan for pets. Normally, pets will not be evacuated with you. Make advance arrangements for their care, food, etc. Keep the pets' records updated.
 - Decide how money will be handled. Who will pay bills? Will you continue to use the joint checking account?
 - Apply for Subsistence Expense Allowance (or evacuation) benefits through your agency's finance office.