

Emergency & Disaster Planning

The September 26th Project wants to help you to determine your home's preparedness in the event of an emergency or natural disaster and provide additional support for you

Emergency & Natural Disaster Preparedness Assessment	Completed?	Resources
<p>Medical information (diagnosis, medications, special instructions) locked and in a fire safe/flood safe place or saved electronically?</p> <p><i>September 26th update</i></p>		<p>iMedicalApps: 10 Best Medical Apps of 2020 MedPage Today</p>
<p>Do you have a disaster supply kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, first aid supplies, and copies of your critical information if you need to evacuate?</p> <p><i>September 26th update your supplies</i></p>		<p>Build A Kit Ready.gov</p> <p>iMedicalApps: 10 Best Medical Apps of 2020 MedPage Today</p>
<p>If you have to stay in your home without power do you have food, water, blankets, candles, and medicine to be prepared</p> <p><i>September 26th update your supplies</i></p>		<p>What Do You Need In a Survival Kit American Red Cross</p> <p>https://youtu.be/FRM6-V2Rdws</p>
<p>Do you have an emergency contact list, or alternate location to do to if needed to evacuate?</p> <p>Do you have a "phone tree" plan ready to call?</p>		

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<p>Do you know where your local evacuation/shelter location would be and can they accommodate those individuals on the autism spectrum</p> <p>September 26th update your plan</p>		<p>Call the Red Cross prior to evacuating to ask which shelters accommodate people with special needs. Upon arrival to any shelter, let them know your child has autism and fully explain all of your child's specific needs. Ask if there is a secure room or office where your family could stay if your child wanders.</p> <p>Remember to bring familiar items that will help your child adjust to their new surroundings and ease the stress of the transition with some of their comforts from home – favorite toys, DVDs and computer games</p> <p>https://www.redcross.org/find-your-local-chapter.html</p>
<p>Do you have a planned “Safe meeting place” if you become separated from each other?</p> <p>Do you have a communication plan on where to meet?</p> <p>September 26th update your plan</p>		<p>Home-Fire-Escape-Plan-English-Spanish.pdf (redcross.org)</p> <p>Importance of a Home Fire Evacuation Plan Bk Glass House</p> <p>Make A Plan Ready.gov</p> <p>Hurricanes Ready.gov</p> <p>Earthquakes Ready.gov</p> <p>Floods Ready.gov</p> <p>FEMA Mobile App and Text Messages FEMA.gov</p>

<p>You have informed or “registered with your local first responders: police, fire, Red Cross</p> <p><i>September 26th update your plan</i></p>		<p>Alert First Responders: Share this information</p> <p>Dear Police & Fire Department</p> <p>My child _____ has the potential to wander. My child has a diagnosis of _____ Attach photo</p> <p>Our address is: _____ Our phone number is: _____</p> <p>Mom's name is: _____ Medications are: _____</p> <p>My child has a tracking device. The device is _____</p> <p>My child often wanders because: _____</p> <p>My child might wander to: _____ My child does/does not know how to swim</p> <p>My child does/does not respond to his name. Our additional contact person is: _____</p> <p>My child likes _____ and may be calmed it _____ name _____ number _____</p> <p>My child best communicates by: _____ Nearby places my child may be found are: _____</p> <p><small>(C) Kelly (McKinnon) Birmingham_MA_BCBA</small></p>
<p>Does your child have a means to “disclose” if needed or recognized if needed?</p> <p><i>September 26th update your plan</i></p>		<p>The decision to disclose your diagnosis to a police officer will always be yours to make. If you have learned through experience that disclosure would be helpful in a particular situation, you may decide to disclose to a police officer. Law enforcement officers report that they make their best decisions when they have their best information.</p> <p>Disclosure information should have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical diagnostic information Communication abilities Aversions such as touch or sounds Family contact information A favorite item that would help to calm and make you feel comfortable <p>There are many ways to consider disclosure. Here are a few ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wearing a medical ID bracelet that discloses your medical information Have a picture of your medical diagnosis on a phone or tablet Have diagnostic information sewn into your sleeve Have a medical diagnosis identification card Practice a vocal disclosure <p>https://www.americanmedical-id.com/choosing-a-medical-id</p>
<p>Do you know your rights regarding a natural disaster?</p> <p><i>September 26th update your plan</i></p>		<p>Videos: https://www.autismspeaks.org/autism-speaks-natural-disaster-resources</p>