

HOME SAFETY CHECKLIST

The following checklist may help you in developing an emergency plan for your family in any disaster.

- Do you have a home emergency plan, and does it cover all emergencies like fire, weather etc.?
- Does your plan include smoke, gas, and carbon monoxide detectors?
- Do you have a weather radio and do all members of your family know what the signals mean?
- Can each member of your family tell you two ways out of your home? If your second way out of a two story home is a window, do you need a safety ladder? Remember, an elevator is never a way out during a fire.
- Can all members of your family operate the locks, windows and doors for escape?
- Does your family understand to leave or seek shelter when an alarm sounds?
- Does each member of your family know where to go after evacuating your home?
- Does each member of your family know who to call for help and are the telephone numbers posted?
- In a weather-related emergency, does your family know where to seek shelter?
- Escape planning and smoke detectors are essential for getting everyone out safely. Are the batteries routinely replaced?
- Does your family understand that once they are outside, they should stay outside?
- Do you have a first aid kit and is it fully stocked?
- Do you have a fire extinguisher and is it regularly serviced?
- Do you encourage family members to take first aid and CPR classes?
- If needed, do members of your family know how to shut off the water, gas, and electricity in your home?
- Does your plan cover whom to call in case of a utility problem?
- Do you have flashlights, radios, batteries, etc. located in a central area known to all family members?