

# Household Disaster Plan Checklist

Consider developing a disaster plan with your household members that outlines what to do, how to find each other, and how to communicate in an emergency.

- Decide where your household will reunite after a disaster. Identify two places to meet: one right outside your home and another outside your neighborhood, such as a library, community center, or place of worship.
- Make sure everyone knows the address and phone number of your second meeting place.
- Know and practice all possible exit routes from your home and neighborhood.
- Designate an out-of-state friend or relative that household members can call if separated during a disaster. If phone circuits are busy, this out-of-state contact can be an important way of communicating between household members. When local phone circuits are busy, long-distance calls may be easier to make.
- Account for everybody's needs, especially seniors, people with disabilities, and non-English speakers.
- Practice your plan with all household members.
- Ensure that household members have a copy of your household disaster plan.
- Familiarize yourself with emergency plans for your workplace, school, child's school or daycare, and other relevant institutions.

