

Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Numbers:

For Police/Fire/EMS

Dial 911

When you call from a land line phone, the 911 dispatcher knows your exact location. When you call 911 from your cell phone, the signal goes to the tower that you are closest to and then sends that call to the dispatch center nearest the tower. The dispatcher will know the location of the tower, but not your exact location. When calling for emergency services from a cell phone, be prepared to give them your exact location, if you are able. If you are not certain of the location you are calling from it is important for you to look around and give the dispatcher as much information about your location as possible such as landmarks like a bank or restaurant.

ICE- In Case of Emergency

Put ICE in your cell phone and make it easier for emergency personnel to contact your family in case of an emergency. Make new contact entries on your cell phone with the words “ICE 1” or “ICE 2” for the people that you want contacted in emergency situations. For example add “ICE 1 Wife” or “ICE 2 Son” to your list with their phone numbers. Make sure these people know your medical history. If you do not have a cell phone, carry a card in your wallet with similar information.

Emergency Radio Broadcast stations:

WJR 760 AM

WWJ 950 AM

Emergency Information Websites:

Local:

www.oakgov.com

www.oakgov.com/health

State:

www.michigan.gov/michiganprepares

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

National:

www.ready.gov

www.emergency.cdc.gov

International:

www.who.int

Other:

www.redcross.org

www.redcross.org/preparedness/cdc_english/evac-plan.html

Outdoor Warning Siren:

Oakland County Homeland Security tests the outdoor warning siren system on the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Siren tests are **NOT** conducted during December, January or February due to winter weather.

Make an Emergency Kit! Keep it portable, easy to grab and go.

Water: minimum one gallon per person per day. Keep a supply for at least 3 days.

Food: at least a three-day supply of non-perishable items, a manual can opener and some simple utensils

Radio: battery-powered or hand crank. Also consider a NOAA weather-alert radio and have extra batteries for both.

Flashlight with extra batteries

First Aid Kit containing bandages, antibiotic cream, scissors, sanitizer, instant ice pack

Surgical Mask or cotton t-shirt to help filter air

Personal sanitation supplies such as garbage bags, plastic ties, paper products, latex gloves, moist towelettes.

Important family documents including copies of ID, insurance cards, Social Security, bank account and charge card numbers, medical records and a list of prescriptions. Keep in a waterproof container.

Special Items such as prescription medications, pet foods and supplies. You may also need denture items, an extra pair of eyeglasses, hearing aid batteries. Consider adding a change of clothes and shoes, hats, gloves, blankets, extra keys and cash. If you own a cell phone, bring it and its charger.

Make a Plan!

Discuss with your family a safe location where you may all meet in the event you are suddenly displaced from your homes by a disaster.

See the information above under the heading ICE to assist the authorities in contacting your loved ones.

Identify an out-of town contact. In some local disasters it may be easier for everyone to get through to Aunt Millie in California than to call each other across town. Make sure everyone knows who to call.

If you text message, texts may be another way to communicate when phones are down.

Depending on the nature of the emergency, be ready to evacuate if you are told to by authorities. Have your emergency kit ready to take with you. Stay tuned to TV or above radio station for emergency broadcasts and instructions.

Keep yourself up-to-date on flu shots and other immunizations.

Additional planning ideas:

Consider two kits: In one, put everything you will need to stay where you are and make it on your own. The other should be a lightweight smaller version you can take with you if you have to get away.

Wear medic-alert bracelets to help identify your medical disabilities. Order by phone or on line. 888-633-4298 www.medicalert.org

Consider having backup oxygen, wheelchair batteries or other extra supplies pertinent to your own condition in case there is a several-day period of time when you cannot access these supplies. If you depend on electricity for your oxygen supply or to power a ventilator or other life-sustaining equipment, consider purchasing a generator and have a back-up plan for where to go for prolonged outages. Discuss with your local emergency services.