

Family Communication Plan

Make a Family Communication Plan

Your family may not be together when a storm disaster strikes. Plan how you will stay informed and contact one another. Review what you will do in different situations.

Discuss with your family and/or friends how to prepare for and respond to emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live or work. Identify responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team.

Schools, daycare providers, workplaces, condos should all have site-specific emergency plans. Ask how they will communicate with families during a crisis. Ask if they store adequate food, water and other basic supplies. Find out if they are prepared to “shelter-in-place” if need be, and where they plan to go if they must get away. Keep this contact information with your emergency contact information.

Identify a safe out-of-neighborhood meeting place. During a storm related disaster, family members may not be in the same location. This place may also be the best place to meet in case family members get separated. Know the phone number and contact information of your family out-of-neighborhood meeting place.

Program all emergency contact numbers into all your phones, or keep a list with you. Make sure to tell your family and friends that you’ve listed them as emergency contacts.

Get your children involved in emergency preparedness.