

Important Documents - What might you need in a disaster?

Do you have the documents your family might need if you had to set up temporary residence somewhere else? Or if your house is destroyed, will you have all of the necessary documents, or copies of them? In a disaster, having documents ready to go will help keep your family safe, financially secure and stable during the days ahead. Here are suggested documents to copy and/or safely store:

Family Documents

Birth certificates
Marriage and divorce papers
Adoption papers
Social Security cards
Driver's license & Passport
Critical passwords

Photographs of family and pets
Pet microchip numbers
Phone numbers - family, doctors, employment, faith, insurance agent, credit card, financial advisor, attorney
\$100 Cash, small bills

Financial Documents

Home insurance information
Financial account numbers
Credit card numbers
Tax information (First 2 pages of

State & Federal returns)
Income verification (e.g., pay stub)
Information about bills and obligations –
Remember, being in a disaster does not mean you can just stop paying your bills.

Legal Documents

Living will
Power of Attorney
Trust documents

Titles and deeds to property you own
Naturalization or citizenship documents

Medical Documents

Medical insurance information
Immunization records

Allergy information
Crucial medical records

Medications list - for anyone in your family who takes medications on a regular basis, list the medications, doses and the doctor who prescribed them. Don't forget medications for pets.

Home Inventory

Take videos or digital photos of your home and possessions
Remember attic, garage, etc.

Storing documents* for emergencies

Have important documents or copies in more than one place, such as:
safe deposit box, copy to trusted friend, encrypted Cloud storage, flash drive in your Go Bag, water-proof/fire-proof safe, a folder in a water-tight bag stored with your kit.

* When storing documents online use password-protection and/or an encryption tool.

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