

## **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*

*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.*

*Allergy information*

*Crucial medical records*

### **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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