

Family Communications in an Emergency

According to FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, a branch of the U.S Department of Homeland Security, **“A well-thought-out plan of action for you and your family can go a long way toward reducing potential suffering from any type of disaster that could strike.”**....“Household emergency plans should be kept simple. The best emergency plans are those that are easy to remember.”

- “Maintaining a link to the outside can be crucial. Keep a battery-operated radio and extra batteries on hand.”
- “Post emergency numbers (fire, police, ambulance) by the phone. Teach children how to call 911 for help.”
- “Identify family meeting places in case you are separated. Choose a place in a building or a park outside your neighborhood. Everyone should be clear about this location.”
- “Develop an emergency communication plan. Ask an out-of-state relative or friend to serve as the family's contact. Make sure everyone knows the telephone number of this contact.”

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