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Emergency Supply Kits

Emergencies can occur when you are at home, at work, on vacation, or just out and about. Are you prepared for an emergency no matter where you are?

Be prepared: always have important supplies with you.

Disability-specific supplies for emergency kits/go kits

Prepare different kits for different places and situations:

- **Carry-on-you kit** is for the essential items you need to keep with you at all times.
- **Grab-and-go kit** is an easy-to-carry kit you can grab if you have to leave home in a hurry. It has the things you cannot do without and that you can carry and use without help from someone else.
- **Home kit** includes water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, tools, emergency supplies, and disability-specific items. It includes all the things you would most likely need if you had to be on your own for days either at home or in an evacuation shelter.
- **Bedside kit** has items you may need if you are trapped in or near your bed and unable to get to other parts of your home.



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- **Car kit** has items you will need if you have to evacuate the area and/or are in or near your vehicle during an emergency.

Tailor the contents of these kits to your needs and abilities. Do what works for you, thinking about the type of emergencies that can happen where you live, work and go to school. For example, the bedside kit includes medications because there is a chance that in some emergencies, such as an earthquake or power outage, people can be trapped in their beds.

You should plan for enough supplies to last for up to two weeks (medication, syringes, ostomy bags, catheters, padding, etc.). Do what is realistic for you. Know what you are able to carry in a fanny pack, backpack, or drawstring bag hung from a wheelchair, scooter, or other mobility device. If you can only carry a 3-day supply of insulin in your Grab-and-Go kit, then that is what's right for you. Plan for what you can do.

Store kits in a waterproof container in a specific place so they are easy to find. Keep important items in an easy to reach and safe place, so you can quickly and easily access them. (These items might include dentures, hearing aids, prostheses, canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, respirators, communication devices, artificial larynx, sanitary aids, batteries, eye glasses, contact lenses with cleaning solutions, etc.)

Below is a table that summarizes many of the supplies needed and a checklist for each type of kit. If you know you will need other items in an emergency that are not on these lists, be sure to add them to your kits.



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Checklist					
Item	Carry on You	Grab and Go	Home	Bedside	Car
Important Papers:					
Emergency health information	X	X	X	X	X
Copies of emergency contacts list adapacific.org/emergency/checklists.php	X	X	X	X	X
Copies of current prescriptions	X	X	X		
Other important items:					
Cell phone	X		X	X	
Cell phone charger	X	X	X		X
Cash	X		X		
Essential medications	X			X	
Other medications			X		
Flashlights and extra batteries, light sticks			X	X	X
Extra batteries for oxygen, breathing devices, hearing aids, cochlear implants, cell phones, radios, smart phones, and other mobile wireless devices like tablets.	X	X	X		



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Item	Carry on You	Grab and Go	Home	Bedside	Car
Emergency food and water		X	X	X	X
Assorted sizes of re-closeable plastic bags for storing, food, waste, etc.		X	X	X	X
Sturdy work gloves to protect your hands from sharp objects you may need to lift or touch by mistake while moving over glass and rubble.		X	X	X	
Lightweight flashlight (on key ring)	X				
Small battery-operated radio and extra batteries		X		X	
Signaling device you can use to attract attention if you need emergency assistance (whistle, horn, beeper, bell(s), screecher alarm system.)	X	X		X	



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Item	Carry on You	Grab and Go	Home	Bedside	Car
A container that can be attached to the bed or nightstand (with cord or Velcro) to hold hearing aids, eye glasses, cell phones, etc.; oxygen tank attached to the wall and wheelchair locked and close to bed. This helps prevent supplies from falling, flying, or rolling away during an earthquake, hurricane, or other jarring, jolting event.				X	
Road flares					X
Blankets or emergency blankets (lightweight, folded to pocket size, made of a reflective material which reflects up to 80% of your radiant body heat to help keep you warm).					X



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Item	Carry on You	Grab and Go	Home	Bedside	Car
Tools (screwdriver, pliers, wire, pocket knife, can opener, duct tape).					X
First aid kit and first aid book			X		X
Battery jumper cables					X
Reflective vest					X
Rain poncho					X
Wheelchair or Scooter Users					
Keep mobility equipment close to you and secured so you can get to it quickly.				X	
Recharging devices that can be connected to vehicle to charge a battery.			X		X
If available, keep a lightweight manual wheelchair for backup.			X		
Speech or Communication Issues					
If you use a laptop computer for communication, consider getting a power converter that plugs into the cigarette lighter or accessory outlet of a vehicle.		X			X



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Item	Carry on You	Grab and Go	Home	Bedside	Car
Hearing Issues					
Carry a pre-printed copy of important personal statements with you such as “I use American Sign Language (ASL),” “I do not write or read English well,” or “If you make announcements, please write them out simply for me or find an ASL interpreter.”	X				X
Consider getting a weather radio, with a visual/text display that warns of weather emergencies, or get applications for your smart phones and other mobile wireless devices like tablets.			X	X	
Vision Issues					
Mark your disaster supplies with fluorescent tape, large print, or braille.		X	X	X	
Have cane repair equipment or a replacement cane.			X		
Have high-powered flashlights with wide beams and extra batteries.		X	X	X	



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Item	Carry on You	Grab and Go	Home	Bedside	Car
Allergies, Sensitivities, Breathing Conditions					
Towels, masks, industrial respirators or other supplies you can use to filter your air supply.	X	X	X	X	
N95 rated particulate filter mask – protects against dust, radiological dust, and biological agents.			X	X	
Service Animals Supplies					
Food, water, blankets, waste disposal bags, medication, harness, etc.				X	X



Carry-on-You Emergency Supply Kit List

The Carry-on-You Emergency Supply Kit is for essential items you need to keep with you at all times. Keep important items in your purse, briefcase, or backpack so you can quickly and easily access them.

Include items such as a cell phone, cell phone charger, cash, and medication. Use this checklist as a tool to ensure you have the necessary items in your Carry-on-You Emergency Supply Kit.

Date Done	Item	Notes
	Important Papers:	
	Emergency health information	
	Copies of emergency contacts list adapacific.org/emergency/checklists.php	
	Copies of medication prescriptions	
	Other important items:	
	Cell phone and charger	
	Cash (small bills and change)	
	Important medications	
	Light weight small flashlight (on key ring)	
	Small whistle (on key ring) or other noise-making item to draw attention for emergency assistance	
	Small Sharpie™ pen (writes on anything)	



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Date Done	Item	Notes
	Batteries, chargers, or power cords for critical devices, if possible	
	Wheelchair or Scooter Users:	
	A patch kit or can of "sealant" to repair flat tires and/or an extra supply of inner tubes for non-puncture-proof wheelchair/scooter tires.	
	Label your equipment with simple "how to use/move" instructions (for example, how to "free wheel" or "disengage the gears" of your power wheelchair). Attach label to equipment and cover it with clear mailing or packing tape.	
	Speech or Communication Needs:	
	A pre-printed copy of important personal statements, in text or pictures. Written details about who you are and what you will need to communicate with others.	
	Hearing Needs:	
	A pre-printed copy of important personal statements, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "I use American Sign Language (ASL)."• "I do not write or read English well."• "If you make announcements, please write them out simply for me or find an ASL interpreter."	



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Date Done	Item	Notes
	Vision Needs:	
	Mark your disaster supplies with fluorescent tape, large print, or Braille.	
	Allergies, Sensitivities, Breathing Needs:	
	Towels, masks, industrial respirators or other supplies you can use to filter your air supply.	

Grab-and-Go Emergency Supply Kit Checklist

The Grab-and-Go Emergency Supply Kit is an easy to grab and carry if you have to leave home in a hurry. It has things you cannot do without that are light enough to carry with you. Keep important items in a bag or backpack so you can quickly and easily access them. Include items such as a cell phone charger, batteries, food, and water. Use this checklist as a tool to ensure you have the necessary items in your Grab-and-Go Emergency Supply Kit.

Date Done	Item	Notes
	Important Papers:	
	Emergency health information	
	Copies of emergency contacts list adapacific.org/emergency/checklists.php	
	Copies of medication prescriptions	



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Date Done	Item	Notes
	Other important items:	
	Cell phone charger	
	Extra batteries for oxygen, breathing devices, hearing aids, cochlear implants, cell phone, radios, smart phones and other mobile wireless devices like tablets	
	Small battery operated radio and extra batteries.	
	Emergency food and water	
	Assorted sizes of re-closeable plastic bags for storing food, waste, etc.	
	Sturdy work gloves to protect your hands from sharp objects you may need to lift or touch by mistake while moving over glass and rubble.	
	Signaling device you can use to attract attention if you need emergency assistance (whistle, horn, beeper, bell(s), screecher alarm system).	
	Wheelchair or Scooter Users:	
	A patch kit or can of "sealant" to repair flat tires and/or an extra supply of inner tubes for non-puncture-proof wheelchair/scooter tires.	



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Date Done	Item	Notes
	Speech or Communication Needs:	
	If you use a laptop computer for communication, consider getting a power converter that plugs into the cigarette lighter or accessory outlet of a vehicle.	
	Vision Needs:	
	Mark your disaster supplies with fluorescent tape, large print, or Braille.	
	Have high-powered flashlights with wide beams and extra batteries.	
	Allergies, Sensitivities, Breathing Needs:	
	Towels, masks, industrial respirators or other supplies you can use to filter your air supply.	
	Service Animal Supplies:	
	Food, water, blankets, waste disposal bags, medication, harness, etc.	



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Home Kit Emergency Supply Checklist

The Home Emergency Supply Kit contains items vital for daily living. It includes all the things you would most likely need if you had to be self-sufficient for days either at home or in an evacuation center.

Items in the Home Emergency Supply Kit include such essential items as water, medication, first aid supplies, tools, flashlight, and batteries.

Date Done	Item	Notes
	Important Papers:	
	Emergency health information	
	Copies of emergency contacts list adapacific.org/emergency/checklists.php	
	Copies of medication prescriptions	
	Other important items:	
	Cell phone and charger	
	Cash (small bills and change)	
	Standard telephone (that does not need to be plugged into an electric outlet)	
	Other medications	
	Flashlights and extra batteries, light sticks	



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Date Done	Item	Notes
	Emergency food	
	Assorted sizes of re-closeable plastic bags for storing food, waste, etc.	
	Extra batteries for oxygen, breathing devices, hearing aids, cochlear implants, cell phones, radios, smart phones and other mobile wireless devices like tablets	
	Sturdy work gloves to protect your hands from sharp objects you may need to lift or touch by mistake while moving over glass and rubble.	
	First aid kit and book	
	Wheelchair, Walker, or Scooter Users:	
	Recharging devices that can be connected to a vehicle to charge a battery.	
	If available, keep a lightweight manual wheelchair for backup.	
	Hearing Needs:	
	Weather radio with a visual/text display that warns of weather emergencies or get an app for cell phone or tablet	
	Vision Needs:	



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Date Done	Item	Notes
	Mark your disaster supplies with fluorescent tape, large print, or Braille.	
	Have cane repair equipment or a replacement cane.	
	High-powered flashlights with wide beams and extra batteries.	
	Allergies, Sensitivities, Breathing Needs:	
	Towels, masks, industrial respirators or other supplies you can use to filter your air supply.	
	N95 rated particulate filter mask – protects against dust, radiological dust, and biological agents.	
	Service Animal Supplies:	
	Food, water, blankets, waste disposal bags, medication, harness, etc.	

Bedside Kit Emergency Supply Checklist

The Bedside Emergency Supply Kit contains essential items you may need if you are trapped in or near your bed and unable to get to other parts of your home.

Keep important items in a nightstand next to your bed so you can quickly and easily reach them. Include items such as a cell phone, medication, water, and a flashlight in your Bedside Emergency



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Supply Kit. Use this checklist as a tool to ensure you have what you need in an emergency.

Date Done	Item	Notes
	Important Papers:	
	Emergency health information and copies of your prescriptions	
	Copies of emergency contacts list adapacific.org/emergency/checklists.php	
	Other important items:	
	Cell phone and charger	
	Portable cell phone charger or power pack for extended power outages.	
	Standard telephone (that does not need to be plugged into an electric outlet)	
	Important medications	
	Flashlights and extra batteries, light sticks	
	Emergency food and water	
	Assorted sizes of re-closeable plastic bags for storing food, waste, etc.	
	Sturdy work gloves to protect your hands from sharp objects you may need to lift or touch by mistake while moving over glass and rubble.	



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Date Done	Item	Notes
	Battery operated radio and extra batteries	
	Signaling device you can use to attract attention if you need emergency assistance (whistle, horn, beeper, bell(s), screecher alarm system).	
	A container that can be attached to the bed or nightstand (with cord or Velcro) to hold hearing aids, eye glasses, cell phones, etc.; oxygen tank attached to the wall and wheelchair locked and close to bed. This helps prevent supplies from falling, flying, or rolling away during an earthquake, hurricane, or other jarring, jolting event.	
	Wheelchair or Scooter Users:	
	Keep mobility equipment close to you and secured so you can get to it quickly.	
	Hearing Needs:	
	Weather radio with a visual/text display that warns of weather emergencies or an app for cell phone or tablet.	
	Vision Needs:	
	Mark your disaster supplies with fluorescent tape, large print, or braille.	
	High-powered flashlights with wide beams and extra batteries.	



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Date Done	Item	Notes
	Allergies, Sensitivities, Breathing Needs:	
	Towels, masks, industrial respirators or other supplies you can use to filter your air supply.	
	N95 rated particulate filter mask – protects against dust, radiological dust, and biological agents.	



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Car Kit Emergency Supplies Checklist

The Car Emergency Supply Kit contains items you will need if you have to evacuate the area and/or are in or near your vehicle during an emergency.

Keep important items in your trunk so you can quickly and easily access them. Include items such as a cell phone charger, batteries, road flares, jumper cables, and maps. Use the Checklist as a tool to ensure you have the necessary items in your Car Emergency Supply Kit.

Date Done	Item	Notes
	Important Papers:	
	Emergency health information	
	Copies of emergency contacts list adapacific.org/emergency/checklists.php	
	Other important items:	
	Cell phone charger	
	Flashlights and extra batteries, light sticks	
	Emergency food and water	
	Assorted sizes of re-closeable plastic bags for storing food, waste, etc.	
	Road flares	
	First aid kit and first aid book	



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	Blankets or emergency blankets (lightweight, folded to pocket size, made of a reflective material which reflects up to 80% of your radiant body heat to help keep you warm)	
	Tools (screwdriver, pliers, wire, pocket knife, can opener, duct tape, etc.)	
	Battery jumper cables	
	Reflective vest	
	Rain poncho	
	Printed state and local maps or a road atlas	
	Wheelchair or Scooter Users:	
	Recharging devices that can be connected to vehicle to charge a battery.	
	Speech or Communication Issues:	
	If you use a laptop computer for communication, consider getting a power converter that plugs into the cigarette lighter or accessory outlet of a vehicle.	



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