



Scenario #1 - Preparing for an Ice Storm

You sit down to watch the evening news and weather forecasts are showing that a significant winter storm will arrive in the region in the next 48 to 72 hours. Approximately an inch of ice is expected with the storm and temperatures will plummet to single digits for several days following the storm. It seems everyone around town is talking about the impending storm and what they are doing to prepare.

1. What supplies, documents, or items do you have on hand or should you have in an emergency kit?
2. What are actions you can take now to prepare if there is a power outage for an extended amount of time?
3. How will a power outage affect important devices in your home? Consider food storage, garage doors, and/or medical devices (e.g., CPAP, breast pumps).
4. Does anyone in your family have special needs or considerations that this storm could affect?



Scenario #2 - Preparing for Severe Weather and Tornado Warnings

You just got home from work and know that some severe weather is headed your way. Over the course of the day, forecasts have shown that several storm cells have strengthened significantly as they travel east, and the likelihood of tornados is very high. The line of storms is expected to come through between 9 and 11 p.m.

1. Do you know how to get tornado warnings and alerts in your area?
2. What are actions you can take now to prepare if there is a power outage or significant damage from the storm?
3. What supplies, documents, or items do you have on hand or should be in your emergency kit?
4. If phone lines and cellular towers are down, what is a plan for communicating with family members about your safety?
5. Does anyone in your family have special needs or considerations this storm could affect?



Scenario #3 - Responding to a House Fire

You are home on a Saturday in January doing laundry and you suddenly hear your smoke alarm going off. You also start to smell smoke. You remember that a space heater was on in the living room. You go to the living room and see that a fire has started and has spread to the couch. You are home alone and realize that you need to get out of the house immediately.

1. Where are important items and/or documents in your home? Are they easily accessible when you have 1 or 2 minutes to evacuate?
2. How will you notify someone for help?
3. Are there special needs or considerations that will impact an immediate response? Is mobility a concern?
4. Are there safe exits from every room of your home? Could you get out if this room was in a basement or on the second-story of a building?
5. What are actions you can take now to prepare for this scenario?



Scenario #4 - Responding to a Flood

It has been raining on and off for five days. You just got home from church and noticed the lower spots on the road leading to your home had substantial standing water. You open an app on your phone to check the weather and realize you are under a Flood Warning. You look outside and see that water from the nearby creek is rising rapidly and will be at your back door in minutes.

1. Where are important items and/or documents in your home? Are they easily accessible when you have 1 or 2 minutes to evacuate?
2. Where are your emergency supplies, documents, or items that you would need in the case of flash flooding in your home?
3. What is your safe source of water? How can you make your water source safe during a flood?
4. What methods do you have to get help with only a few minutes of action?
5. If phone lines and cellular towers are down, what is a plan for communicating with family members about your safety?