



# Newsletter

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## Preparing for an Emergency

Natural Disasters and other types of Emergencies can happen at anytime. Therefore its important to be prepared so that you and your family will be safe in the event of an emergency. To be prepared for these events it is important to have an emergency plan as well as an emergency kit.

Developing an emergency plan is the first step in being prepared. The following are a few tips to creating a successful plan:

1) Have an escape plan and two meeting places. One meeting place should be outside your home in case of a sudden emer-

gency such as a fire, but the other meeting place should be somewhere else in your community. This is in case you can't return home.

2) Have an emergency contact person who lives out of town.

Make sure that you and your family have their number on them at all times so that they can call in the event of an emergency.

3) Make sure you know our obtain information about the emergency plans at your kids' school as well as your workplace.

4) Don't forget about the family pet. Make sure that your pet has tags and that you display a pet rescue sticker in your window at home. Also it is a good idea to have an airline approved pet carrier in case of evacuation.

After developing an emergency plan, it is important to assemble an emergency kit. There are many generic items that should be keep in this kit such as food, water, and clothing.

Having a plan and an emergency kit will insure you and your family are prepared.

## Partnership Updates and Upcoming Events

### CHAIR-ELECT

The Partnership for a Safer Maryland is soliciting nominations for the position of Chair-elect. Nominations should be sent to the partnership e-mail address.

### UP-COMMING CONFERENCES TO LOOK FOR

The Partnership's Quarterly  
November 5th 2008

More information will be sent early October

2008 Fire Prevention Week

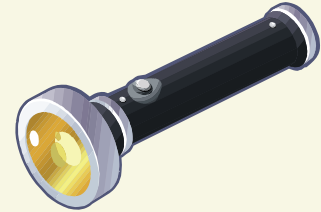
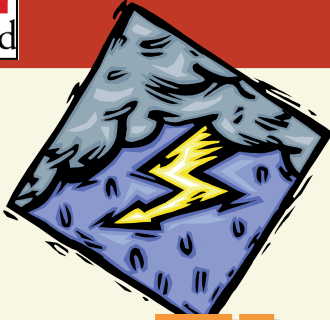


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For more information:  
<http://NFPA.org/>



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS: BEING PREPARED



## Tips for Being Prepared!

### Develop a Plan before an Emergency Strikes

- ◆ **Discuss a place to meet in the event of an emergency: one near your home as well as another location in your neighborhood in case you can't return home**
- ◆ **Have an emergency Preparedness kit (check list on the right)**
- ◆ **Choose an out-of-town emergency contact person for your family members to call if you are separated.**



### Emergency Preparedness Check List

- Water:**
  - ◆ **3 day supply: 1 gallon per person per day**
  - ◆ **Replace water every six months**
- Non-perishable food**
  - ◆ **3-5 day supply**
  - ◆ **Canned food**
- First-Aid Kit**
- Medications**
- Extra glasses or contact lenses**
- Flashlight and Batteries**
- Blankets**
- Change of Clothing**
- Duct Tape**
- Cash/Traveler's checks**
- Tools**
- Waterproof matches**
- Extra set of house keys**

For more Information Visit:

Red Cross)- Disaster Services Tip Sheet at: <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster>

Department of Homeland Security at: <http://www.ready.gov/>