

# Preparing for the Unexpected

## Create an Escape Plan

If a natural disaster or fire strikes, an escape plan will bring some calm to the situation especially for young children who may panic in an emergency. Have a main route for escape as well as a backup option. Practice your plan twice a year.

## Set Up Local Emergency Alerts

Stay informed by signing up for emergency alerts in the city you live in. Your city's government website can tell you how to get them.

## Check Your Coverage

Review your homeowner's insurance to determine what damages are covered. Most don't cover floods or earthquakes, so consider purchasing separate coverage.

An estimated 1 in 10 residential properties were impacted by natural disasters in 2021.<sup>1</sup>

## Protect Vital Documents

Keep important files in a fire and weatherproof box in your home or in a safety deposit box out of the home.

## Prepare an Emergency Kit

Having the right supplies on hand can make all the difference. Make sure that everyone in the household knows the location of the kit.

## Know Where to Go

Evacuation locations may change depending on the situation, so it's important to know where your city's major evacuation centres are located. Identify other places you can go such as family or friend's homes in other areas. Choose destinations in different directions so you have options during an emergency.



# Emergency Kit Checklist

Once your emergency kit is ready, keep it in an easily accessible spot, such as a closet near an exit or in your garage.

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- Water to last for up to three days**  
(5 litres per family member per day)
  - Nonperishable food**
  - Can opener**
  - Disposable plates and utensils**
  - Toilet paper**
  - First-aid kit**
  - Flashlights**
  - Batteries**
  - Lighter or matches**
  - Battery-operated charger**
  - Important medications**
  - Waterproof blankets or sleeping bags**
  - Driver's license and other forms of identification**
  - Radio**