



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



Household Hazards Checklist

Reduce the chance of injury in your home. Fewer hazards means less likelihood of injury.

Reduce unnecessary injury by eliminating potential hazards in your home. While checking each room, imagine what might happen in an emergency. Then take steps to minimize or eliminate the hazard. Take the same precautions at work and in the classroom.

- 01.** Secure all computer and home office equipment to prevent falling.
- 02.** Beds should not be directly under glass windows nor should they be next to tall or heavy furniture, bookcases, or cabinets.
- 03.** Locate and learn how to turn off and restore utility meters at your home.
- 04.** Check appliance connections and upgrade to flexible connections if possible.
- 05.** Ensure your water heater is properly secured to the wall, regardless of location.
- 06.** An A-B-C type fire extinguisher should be accessible wherever a potential fire hazard exists. Store on each floor of your home and share its location with family members. A Class K kitchen extinguisher should also be stored in your kitchen to extinguish cooking fires.
- 07.** Never place heavy picture frames or mirrors over couches, beds, or other well occupied places.
- 08.** Tall, heavy furniture can topple over in a good shaking.
- 09.** Bookcases, cabinets, wall units, and large furniture should be securely bolted to the wall.
- 10.** Breakables and/or heavy objects should be displayed on a low shelf.
- 11.** Hanging lamps and plants can swing off their hooks unless properly fastened.
- 12.** Clear gutters of leaves and debris to ensure good drainage during rainy weather.
- 13.** Clear away debris from around the home, doorways, yard, and hillsides. Debris can be a fire hazard as well as block emergency exit ways.

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