

The best time to make important decisions about your family's safety is before disaster strikes. Past events have shown that people who think ahead, prepare, and have a plan fare best during and after disaster.



This is true whether the disaster is natural, like a hurricane, or manmade, like a terrorist attack.

Yet a recent survey of Florida's citizens showed that **only 23% of those concerned about a future terrorist attack have a family plan in place should the unthinkable happen.**



Florida Regional Domestic Security Task Force



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## Be Informed

**These simple steps can give you an advantage in case of a terrorist attack:**

1. Be aware of your surroundings. Know where emergency exits are located in buildings you frequent. Notice where exits are when you enter unfamiliar buildings. Also, be aware of alternative exits.
2. Think about how you would leave a crowded public area or get out of heavy traffic if you had to. Do not be afraid to move or leave if you feel uncomfortable or threatened.
3. Take precautions when traveling. Be aware of unusual behavior. Do not accept packages from strangers. Do not leave your luggage unattended. If you see something unusual such as suspicious packages or strange devices, tell police or security personnel.
4. Listen to authorities. They will help you decide if you are in immediate danger.



- Dust masks
- Extra cash
- Eye protection
- First aid kit
- Flashlight and batteries
- Garbage bags and plastic ties
- Hygiene products
- Identification
- Moist towelettes
- Plastic sheeting and duct tape
- Special supplies for infants including diapers and formula
- Special supplies for pets including pet food and proof of vaccinations
- Toilet paper
- Utility knife
- Work gloves
- Other items specific to your family



## Protect Yourself with a Plan

You and your family should have a plan in place before disaster strikes because you may not all be in the same location.



### To develop your plan:

- Decide on places where you would meet, for example a neighbor's home, public place, or school.
- Have an out-of-state relative or friend as a family contact so that all family members have a single point of contact. Identify two ways of contact like a phone number and email address.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your telephones, on the refrigerator, in your wallet or purse, and in children's backpacks. Make sure children know how and when to call 911.
- Listen carefully to authorities to know whether you should remain in your home or evacuate to safety. Be prepared to take your disaster supply kit with you if you evacuate. Plan how you will take care of your pets.
- Review and practice your disaster plan with your family every six months.
- Also, be sure you have at least one vehicle with a full tank of gas at all times.

## Be Prepared

Should there be a terrorist attack in your community, public services like water and electricity may be shut off. You may not be able to get to a store for food, supplies and medicine. In a worst case you may have to evacuate. Having a disaster supply kit prepared ahead of time is critical.

### Your kit should contain:

- Water - at least one gallon per person per day for three days
- Nonperishable food - at least a three- to seven-day supply
- Prescription medicines and their original bottles
- Battery-operated radio
- Blankets and pillows
- Can opener
- Civilian MREs (Meals, Ready to Eat)

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*By making these preparations you and your family can be prepared for a terrorist attack or natural disaster. Fill out and keep this reference guide in your wallet.*

For more information go online at



**Emergency Contacts - 9-1-1**

**Meeting Places**

**Out-of-State Contact Name**

**Telephone Numbers**

**E-mail**