



## Disaster Plan **CHECKLIST**

- ✓ Discuss the **types of disasters** that are most likely to happen.
- ✓ Identify at least **two locations** where your family can evacuate.
- ✓ Post **emergency telephone numbers** and keep your disaster plan in a location that is easy to find.
- ✓ Ask an out-of-town relative or friend to be your **“family contact.”**
- ✓ Be familiar with **evacuation routes** and the location of your destination.
- ✓ Be cautious and **evacuate early.**
- ✓ Make plans for your **pets**, if possible.
- ✓ If your foster or adoptive child is **medically fragile**, go to a special needs shelter or to a location that can accommodate the child’s needs.
- ✓ Contact the **Disaster Hotline** to let DSS know where you are.



## If Leaving Your Home **DON'T FORGET**

**Blankets** or sleeping bags

**Cash**

**Clothing** (packed)

**Coat** (warm and waterproof)

**Documents** (birth certificates, driver’s license, Social Security cards, credit cards, address and telephone numbers of friends and relatives, proof of insurance coverage)

**Eye Glasses** (extra pair)

**First Aid Kit**

**Food and Water** for two or three days

**Flashlight** with extra batteries

**Garbage Bags**

**Gloves**

**Hygiene Items** (soap, waterless soap, feminine products, diapers, shampoo)

**Medicine** (prescription and other)

**Radio** (small battery powered AM/FM)

**Toilet paper** (flattened for packing)

**Tools** (pliers, screwdriver, etc.)

**Utensils** (plastic spoons and plates)

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Disaster Preparedness For

# **FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS**



Contact Disaster Hotline  
**1-800-700-1156**

Hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and floods are natural **DISASTERS** that occur every year. For South Carolina residents, statistics indicate that an average of five powerful hurricanes strike the United States coastline every three years. Evacuations may occur because of severe weather or industrial accidents such as spills of toxic chemicals.

A **DISASTER** plan will help keep families safe by being prepared. A **DISASTER** plan is required in order to be approved as a foster or adoptive parent.

***IN THE EVENT OF A MANDATORY EVACUATION ORDER, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?***

**Contact the Disaster Hotline  
1-800-700-1156**

When you plan to evacuate, let the Hotline staff know the name (residence or shelter), address and telephone number of where you will be.

**Contact Your Caseworker**

When the lines of communication have been restored, update your caseworker of your situation.

***WHAT IS A DISASTER PLAN?***

Plan in advance how your family would respond and where your family would go to escape a disaster.

