

Communication Planning

Family Communication Plan = Peace of Mind

First responders know the importance of a meeting place where families can gather in the event of a house fire or other dangerous incident. The meeting place ensures no one is unknowingly left behind and can help rescuers focus on the most important task they have – rescuing those unable to rescue themselves.

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it's important to plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations.

In recent disasters, the heartbreaking aftermath has centered on victims of disaster searching for lost loved ones. A well thought out communication plan can ease that task considerably.

Here are some tips from FEMA:

- Always carry identification and emergency contact numbers with you. A PREP communication card is printed on the other side of this sheet or may be downloaded from www.prepmadison.org
- It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact.
- You may have trouble getting through, or the telephone system may be down altogether, but be patient.

A communication plan should also include strategies on how you will obtain emergency information before, during and after a major incident.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



PREP: FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN

Name: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Out-of-State Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____

Meeting Place Telephone: _____