

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY?

Each month we suggest something you and your family can do to get ready for an emergency.

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE:

Prevent Identity Theft During a Disaster

Hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, earthquakes and man-made disasters are frightening, and they may also cause chaos and put at risk your personal security. Taking a few minutes today to create an action plan might help you avoid identity-theft-related situations.

Be prepared to evacuate. Keep photocopies of these items readily available, preferably in a large sealed envelope or a locked box. Keep in a secure location.

- Birth certificates for each family member
- A current photograph of each family member
- Driver's licenses
- Social Security cards for each family member
- Death certificates
- Insurance papers, wills, deeds, property records, and photos or video of personal belongings
- Other vital papers for each family member (immigration papers, marriage licenses)
- Financial account information that might be needed in an emergency
- Brief medical histories including medical equipment/supply needs including style/serial numbers, all prescriptions and dosages for each family member. Also, copy of medical insurance cards.

Complete information is available at www.idtheftcenter.org.

***Additional option:
Scan your documents and save them to a
computer disc or flash drive.***

For more preparedness information, go to:
www.ready.gov/america/npm08/getakit.html
www.ready.gov/america/_downloads/checklist.pdf
www.utahredcross.org
www.bereadyutah.org
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