

## PREPAREDNESS BAG

In a zip lock bag (freezer type is stronger) place the following papers. You can add more papers as you think of documents or papers that are important to you.

1. Copies of every card in your wallet – front and back.
2. Copy of your driver's license, passport, birth certificate and social security card.
3. List of all medications of family members, identified by who is taking it and how much, how often. List of all doctors, with addresses and telephone numbers. As complete a health record as you can compile. List any allergies, whether you or anyone wears glasses, hearing aids or dentures.
4. Names, ages and SSN of all your children and THEIR PICTURES, and immunization records.
5. Contact information of out of town family – addresses, work addresses, home and cell phone numbers.
6. Copies of important pictures (deceased loved ones, your wedding pictures, etc.)
7. Names, photos, description and shot records of your pets. Any special information.
8. All your insurance policy numbers and deeds to your property. Names, addresses and phone numbers of your insurance agents.
9. Copy of health insurance cards – medical and dental – front and back.
10. Copy of wills, DNR papers, etc.
11. Copies of all recent bills (electricity, phone, etc.) so you know your account numbers and the company that provides the service.
12. List of all bank account numbers and names of the banks.
13. Credit card numbers and phone numbers to contact the credit card company.
14. Military discharge papers.

Label outside of bag with your name, cell phone number, address (BUT NOT SSN) in permanent marker with Red Cross or some other identifying symbol.

Tape the bag on the underside of your kitchen table, or behind your entertainment console. Send a duplicate bag to a relative or trusted friend out of town. The point of the bag is that it should be in a handy place so you can grab it if you have to leave the house in a hurry (fire, flood, or whatever) and you will have all the information you need to start over, and to search for your family if you get separated. And you will be in a perfect position to help the Red Cross help you.