



Print off a copy of this quiz for each family member. It will help you assess your family's emergency readiness. It's also a good way to discuss preparedness in a non-threatening manner for children and to make them feel like an active part of the planning. In the safety of their home, kids can see you in the unfrazzled mode, handling everything calmly. <grin>

1. Has your family rehearsed fire escape routes from your home in the last year?

YES NO What are they?

2. Where are the upper story escape ladder(s) located? Are they in good repair?

YES NO

3. Does your family know what to do before, during, and after an emergency?

YES NO

4. Where would the family meet if a disaster occurs while some members are away from home?

5. If heavy objects hang over beds that could fall during an earthquake, have they been secured?

YES NO

6. Do you have access to a flashlight in every occupied bedroom? (candles shouldn't be used until you're sure there is no leaking gas).

YES NO Checked the batteries lately? YES NO

7. Are shoes near your bed to protect your feet against broken glass?

YES NO

8. If a water line were ruptured during an earthquake, do you know how to shut off the water main?

YES NO Where is it located? _____

9. Can this water valve be turned off by hand without the use of a tool? Do you have a tool if one is needed?

YES NO

10. Where the main gas shutoff valve to your house is located?

11. If you smell gas, how would you shut off this valve?

12. Gas valves usually can't be turned off by hand. Is there a shutoff tool near the valve?

YES NO

13. Would you be able to safely restart your furnace when gas is available?

YES NO

14. Are smoke alarms in each bedroom and living area?

YES NO Checked the batteries lately? YES NO

15. Do you have and know how to operate a fire extinguisher? (The fire department will test yours free of charge).

YES NO Checked the expiration date? YES NO

16. Are duplicate keys and copies of important papers stored outside your home?

YES NO

17. Do you have a battery or solar powered emergency radio?

YES NO Checked the batteries lately? YES NO

FOR A THREE DAY EMERGENCY, WOULD YOU. . .

18. Have sufficient food?

YES NO

19. Have the means to cook without power?

YES NO

20. Have sufficient water for drinking, cooking, pets, spillage and sanitary needs?

YES NO

21. Have you made 72 hour evacuation kits for each family member?

YES NO

22. If made last year, have you checked all expiration dates and replenished supplies?

YES NO

23. Can you carry or transport these kits?

YES NO

24. Who are your out-of-state contacts? _____

25. Do you have first aid kits in the home and in each car?

YES NO Checked the expiration dates lately? YES NO

26. Do you have work gloves and tools for minor rescue and clean up?

YES NO

27. Do you have emergency, small currency cash on hand? (During disasters, banks and ATM machines may close and checks can't be verified.)

YES NO

28. Without power, could you heat at least part of your house?

YES NO

29. If you take medications, do you have a month's supply?

YES NO

30. Do you have alternate toilet facilities if there is an extended water shortage?

YES NO

How'd you do?

If you've found some holes in your prep plans, it's not too late to [go back](#) and fill in the gaps.

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