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**RAINBOW**  
INTERNATIONAL  
**DISASTER**  
PREPAREDNESS  
**PLAN**



Preparing your  
home and  
family for the  
unthinkable.

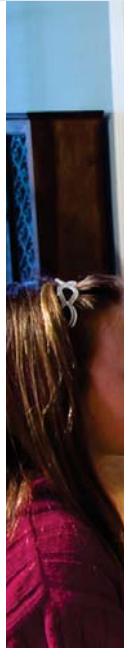
Disaster can  
strike anywhere,  
anytime with little  
or no warning.



Are you really prepared?

# Disaster can strike quickly

**If you and your family are not together, how will you find each other?**



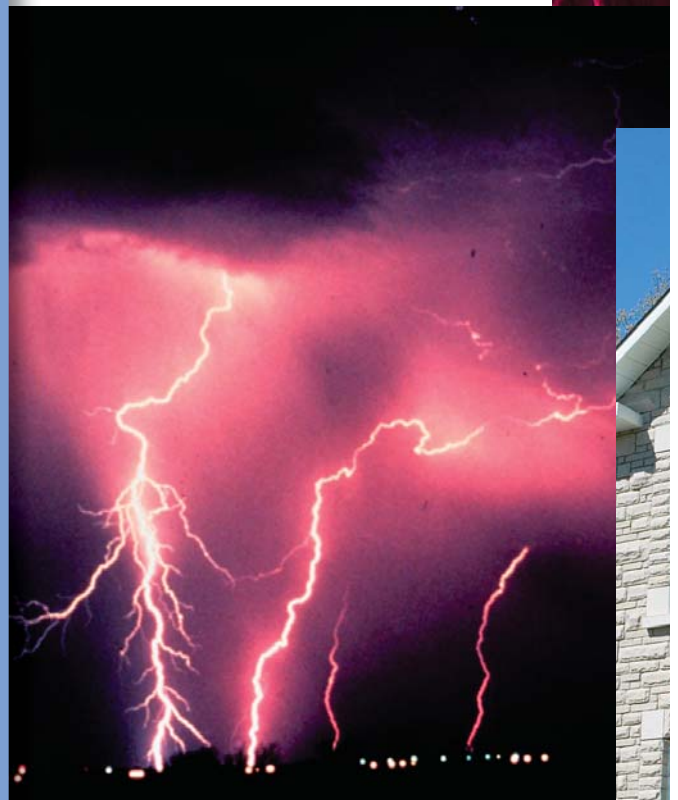
You can more readily cope with disaster by preparing your family in advance by following some simple steps.

## What do you need to know?

Contact your local Office of Emergency Management and determine the specific hazards that could threaten your community.

Learn about community response plans and designated emergency shelters, especially those places where you and your family spend time (office, school, etc.). This information should be available at the Office of Emergency Management as well.

Familiarize yourself with community warning systems and how they will provide information during and after a disaster. Learn about NOAA Weather Radio and its alerting capabilities ([www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)).



and force you to evacuate or confine you to your home.

## ...are your children safe?



### Plan & Educate

Review all the information you gathered with your family members. Explain the dangers to children, making sure they have a clear understanding of potential hazards. Work with them as a team.

Choose an "out-of-town" relative or friend as an emergency contact. Following an emergency, a family member should contact this person and apprise them of the situation. Each family member must have the contact information.

In an emergency, you may be separated from your family members. Select a site outside your home in case of a sudden emergency such as a fire. Select a site outside your neighborhood in the event the disaster prevents you from returning home.

Develop a family communication plan. This plan should include contact information for your "out-of-town" contact, meeting locations, emergency services (your nearest Rainbow International® location), etc. A sample form for recording this information can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.redcross.org/contactcard](http://www.redcross.org/contactcard). Insure that each family member has a copy and post it near the telephone in your home.

Plan escape routes out of your home (in case of fire, etc.), as well as the safe places in your home (in case of tornado, etc.). Practice emergency evacuation drills at least two times a year.



## Pre-Disaster Preparation

Contact your local Rainbow International® office and request an Advance Emergency Response agreement.

Utilities - Know where to turn off all utilities and keep the necessary tools nearby.

Purchase and maintain fire extinguishers and smoke alarms.

Homeowners Insurance Coverage - Contact your agent and insure that you have adequate coverage to protect your family against financial loss. Make sure you have a clear understanding of flood insurance and what is covered.

Secure vital records and documents in a safe deposit box or alternate safe location.

Seek First Aid and CPR Training. This can be done through your local Red Cross Office.



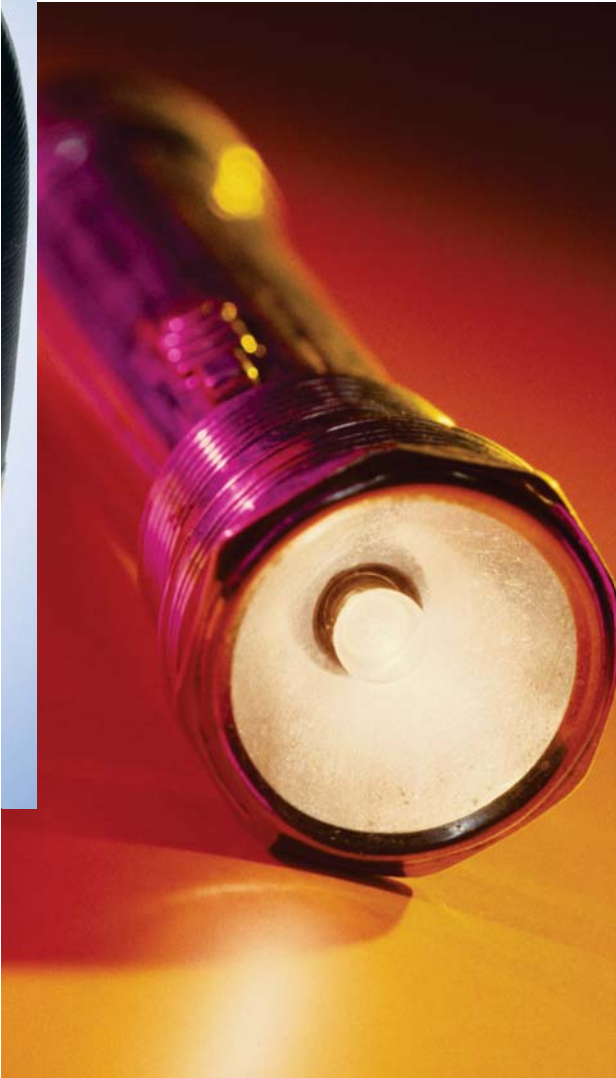
## Reduce potential for damage...

1. Bolt tall bookcases and similar furnishings to wall studs.
2. Protect breakable objects by securing them to a stand or shelf.
3. Move large objects to lower shelves to insure they do not fall and injure someone.
4. Install latches on drawers and cabinet doors to keep them from dumping their contents.
5. Use closed screw eyes and wire to secure framed picture and mirrors to the walls.
6. Use plumbers tape or strap iron to wrap around the water heater to secure it to wall studs.
7. Have a professional install flexible connectors to appliances fueled by natural gas.
8. Install shutters that you can close to protect windows from damage caused by high winds and blown debris during a severe storm.



## Assemble a disaster supplies kit...

1. Flashlight with extra batteries.
2. Battery powered radio.
3. Food - Enough non-perishable food for at least three days is suggested. Ready-to-eat canned food, juices and high-energy foods (granola bars, energy bars, etc.).
4. Water - Three day supply (one gallon per day per person).
5. Medications - Usual non-prescription medications and a three day supply of prescription medications.
6. Tools and supplies - Blankets, paper plates, cups and utensils. Non-electric can opener, personal hygiene products, plastic garbage bags and a change of clothing.
7. A complete first aid kit.
8. Cash- enough to last a week.





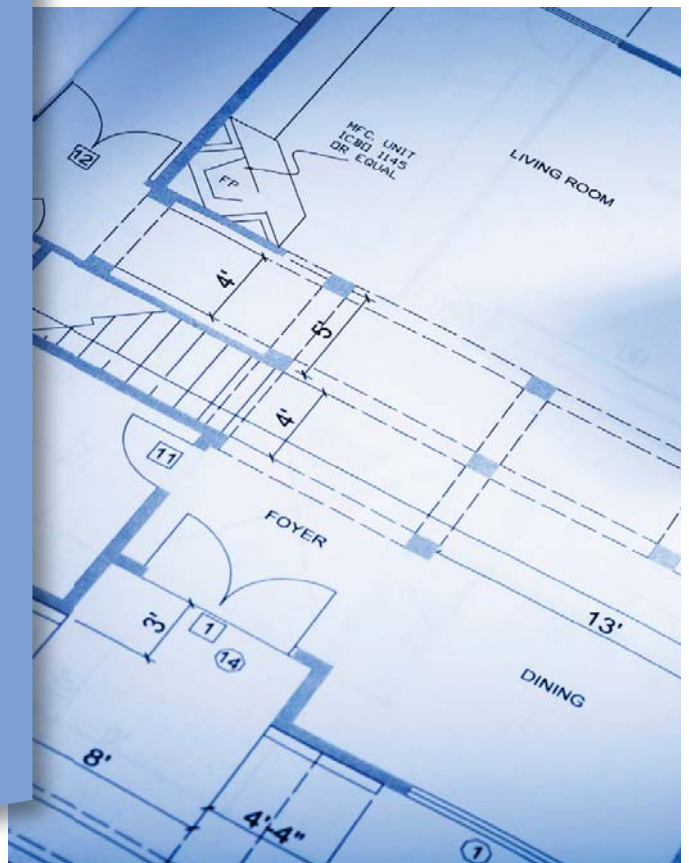
## Maintain Your Plan

Review your plan at least two times a year and quiz your family about "What would you do if..."

Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills on a regular basis.

Check food supplies for expiration dates and replace stored water and food every six months.

Test smoke alarms monthly and change batteries at least once a year. Check fire extinguisher expiration dates and recharge instructions.





# Rainbow International

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Rainbow International<sup>®</sup> Restoration & Cleaning provides emergency restoration & cleaning services to residential and commercial customers from 180 locations throughout the United States and Canada.

Our core services include:

- Fire/Water/Smoke damage restoration
- Rapid structural drying
- Content inventory and pack out
- Hard surface, carpet, and textile cleaning
- Ozone deodorization
- Air duct cleaning

*Rainbow International franchise locations are individually owned and operated. Available services may vary by location.*





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