

It Disaster Strikes, Are You Prepared?

Disasters can strike any time, anywhere. Tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires and floods can strike with only a moment's warning. To help reduce the risk of injury and loss, inspect your home once a year by following these steps:

- Create a family disaster plan.
- Have an evacuation and communication plan, and practice them. Kids sometimes learn best by doing. Practicing the plan lets them see it in action.
- Prepare an emergency kit (kits are available through home centers or the Internet and should include water, radio, flashlights, etc.)
- Inventory your home's contents, room-by-room. You can do this through itemized lists, photographs and videotape. Keep a copy of your inventory in a safe deposit box or other secure place. Update the inventory on a regular basis. Periodically review your insurance policy to make sure you have sufficient coverage in the event of damage. When building a new home or making home improvements, incorporate construction techniques that can make your home safer and less prone to damage such as hail resistant roofing, automatic sprinklers for fire protection, hurricane shutters, properly anchoring your roof to your walls with metal connectors and anchoring your walls to your foundation.



If disaster should strike, State Farm® catastrophe response partners, including local agents and their team members, claims employees, and the State Farm Catastrophe Team", are ready to help.