



Must-Haves for Home Safety

Home safety is an important yet often overlooked form of preventive care. Being prepared helps you respond more quickly and easily when an unexpected emergency arises.

Here are a few basic must-haves to get you started:

Fire Extinguishers

Place a fire extinguisher in each area of your home where there is a heat source, and consider taking a fire safety class in your community.

Smoke Alarms

Make sure your smoke alarms are in good working order and replace batteries regularly. If your home has more than one story, it is also a good idea to have fire ladders accessible, especially in bedroom areas.

Fireproof Safe

Protect important documents, such as passports, wills, jewelry, birth records, and cherished heirlooms in a fireproof safe.

Emergency Menu

Keeping a shelf-stable food supply is essential in case of a power outage, storm, or other emergency.⁶ It helps to choose foods that you consume regularly, so you can rotate through them throughout the year. Remember to check supplies periodically for any expired items.



Portable Battery Starter

Having a backup power supply will ensure that you can still place emergency calls during an extended power outage. As a bonus, many models can also be used to restart your car battery.

First Aid Kit

Check your first aid kit regularly to make sure it is fully stocked, and replace any expired or damaged items.

A Plan

Sit down with your family to make sure everyone knows what to do and where to go in various emergency situations, such as fires or tornadoes.

Being prepared for emergencies will help ensure that you have what you need to keep your family safe and healthy.

6. <https://www.ready.gov/food#supplies>