IT'S ALL IN HERE

__'s Preparedness Binder

What's Where: Guide to storing vital documents	
Photocopies of vital documents	
Cheat Sheet to Not Freaking Out About \$\$\$\$: Your financial checklist	
Phone a Friend: Contact information	
Get Carded: Store extra printouts here in case one is damaged or lost	
Follow the Road to Readiness: Progress tracker	



Check the boxes as you complete each task.

Preparedness needs vary by household. Use this binder as a prompt to consider what your family requires, and adjust accordingly. For more preparedness tools, visit **Ready.gov**.







Location, location, location! First up: finding and gathering your vital documents. After you've made photocopies and stashed them in your binder, list where in your home (or elsewhere!) you're storing the originals.

	What	Where
I D E N T I F I C A T I O N	Birth certificates/adoption records for all household members	
	Marriage license	
	Divorce decrees	
	Child custody papers	
	Citizenship papers	
	Driver's licenses	
	Social Security cards	
	Passports	
	Military records	
	Fingerprint records	
	Death certificates for any immediate family members	
FINANCIAL & LEGAL	Property records: deeds, leases, titles	
	Automobile records: leases and titles, VINs, registrations	
	Insurance records: automobile, homeowners or renters, flood, liability, personal property, umbrella	





	What	Where
FINANCIAL & LEGAL	Previous year's federal and state tax returns	
	Wills	
	Estate planning documents	
	Household inventory and appraisals	
MEDICAL	Health insurance cards and policies	
	Medical history	
	Medication & prescription lists, including dosage & pharmacy	
	Dental records	
	Disabilities documentation	
	Disability insurance policies	
	Living wills, medical power of attorney	
PET OWNERS	Veterinary records	
	Vaccination history	
	ID chip numbers	
OTHER	Contents of wallet	
	Family historical information	





Having every phone number in the world on your phone doesn't do you any good when you've lost your phone.

- DIRECTIONS • Write down all your important phone numbers on these pages, then identify the most crucial, can't-forget-'em contacts and come up with mnemonic devices to help you remember those.
- They can be anything from a song ("five-one-one-eight-seven-six-four" happens to fit perfectly into the first line of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm," incidentally) to a word spelled out by a phone number's corresponding keypad letters.
- Use our keypad to discover words your phone number can spell, or go to **phonespell.org** to find a jumble of possibilities.







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	Designated emergency contact	
	Child care provider	
	Elder care provider	
	Pet care/boarding	





Name and relationship

Phone number

Trusted neighbor

Medical care provider

Pharmacy

Key financial institution

Home insurance company

Auto insurance company

Legal adviser

Police (dial 911 for emergency)

Fire department (dial 911 for emergency)

Poison control

Alternative/accessible transportation

Electric company

Water company





STEP 1: Play the song "Safety Dance." On repeat.

STEP 2: Fill out these cards for every member of the household, and task them with keeping one with them at all times in a purse, wallet or backpack. Contact info goes on one side; a map of your emergency meetup spot goes on the other.

STEP 3: Cut out the cards (adult supervision required with scissors), fold them on the dotted line, and have them laminated. Make sure that kids' contact cards are concealed from public view, not hanging from a backpack zipper.



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FOLLOW the ROAD to READINESS

Fill in each step with a different color as you complete each task. Put this progress tracker in a place where you'll see it every day to make sure you stay on the path to preparedness.



