!! Be Ready Saginaw County!!

June’s Objective: CREATE A PLAN

Disasters happen anytime and anywhere without warning. When disaster strikes it is easier to cope when you are prepared. !! Be Ready Saginaw County!! recommends creating a family disaster plan.

MAKE YOUR PLAN

TALK: Discuss with your family the types of disasters that are most likely to happen where you live. Work as a team, establish responsibilities for each member of the household. Determine alternatives if someone is absent.

PLAN: Pick two places to meet after a disaster.
1. Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire.
2. Outside your neighborhood, in case you can’t return home or are asked to evacuate the area.
3. Ask a friend or relative that lives out of the area to be your family contact. After a disaster it’s often easier to call long distance from a landline telephone.
4. Discuss how to take care of your pets

LEARN: Each adult in the household should know how to turn off utilities such as electricity, water and gas. Learn how to use your home’s fire extinguisher.

CHECK SUPPLIES: Make sure your emergency supply kits are in order. Check expiration dates on food and make sure you have plenty of water.

TELL: Household members should know where the emergency contact information is kept. Make copies for everyone to carry, keep one copy in the emergency supply kit. Be sure to include an out-of-town contact.

Tips for success...

- Write down your family’s disaster plan and post it in a prominent place.
- Hold household fire drills.
- Have everyone in the family create a list of personal items they would take with them if they had 10 minutes to evacuate.
- Keep your cell phone charged.

PRACTICE YOUR PLAN

QUIZ: Every six months quiz your family members on what to do in an emergency. Make sure children know how and when to dial 911 for help.

CONDUCT: Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.

REPLACE: Check expiration dates on stored food and water every six months. Make sure clothing in your kit is weather appropriate.

TEST: Test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.

- January
- February
- March
- April
- May
- June
- July
- August
- September
- October
- November
- December

Change Batteries________________(month) each year.

Fill out, copy and distribute to all family members.

Pocket Emergency Plan

Emergency meeting place: (just outside your home)

Meeting Place: (outside your neighborhood)
Address __________________________
City __________________________
Phone(s) __________________________
Family Contact __________________________
Phone(s) __________________________

BE WISE. BE WELL. BE READY.