FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN



Fill it out together at the kitchen table. It takes about 30 minutes. Then keep a photo of this page on every phone, and paper copies on the fridge, in each car and in each backpack.

FIRST, GET SAFE. Call 911 if you're in danger. Follow official shelter or evacuation orders before you try to find each other.

1 · WHO WE CONTACT

Everyone texts the first contact. No answer? Go down the list. Whoever gets reached passes updates to everyone else.

	NAME	PHONE
1 · FIRST CONTACT		
2 · BACKUP		
3 · OUT OF AREA		
EVERYONE ELSE		

THE TEXT TO SEND

"I'm at _____.
I'm safe / I need _____.
I'll stay here / go to _____.
Time: _____."

Check in every _____ minutes until we're together.

2 · WHERE WE MEET

Pick places anyone can find without a phone. Never go into danger to find someone.

NEAR HOME

OUTSIDE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

OUT OF TOWN

IF WE'RE SPLIT UP AND CAN'T REACH ANYONE, WE

KIDS' PICKUP ADULT

BACKUP

3 · IF PHONES DON'T WORK

1. **Text.** It often gets through when calls don't.
2. **Our app or email:**
3. **Nothing works?** Go to our meeting place and follow our waiting rule.

RADIO CHANNEL (OPTIONAL)

IF YOU LEAVE, LEAVE A DATED NOTE AT

Save battery: low power mode, dim screen, limit use.

GET IT READY

4 · BEFORE ANYTHING HAPPENS

- [ ] Ask your contacts if they're willing to be your contacts.
- [ ] Decide who helps the kids, pets, or anyone who needs help:
- [ ] Set up pickup plans with the school ahead of time. Kids follow school staff.
- [ ] Decide who drives, and what you'll do if roads are blocked:
- [ ] Charge two power banks. They live at:
- [ ] Battery radio and spare batteries. They live at:
- [ ] Our local alert station:
- [ ] Turn on emergency alerts and save offline maps on every phone.
- [ ] Practice once with every phone turned off.
- [ ] Review this plan every 6 months. Next review:

WALLET CARDS

Cut along the dashed lines. One for each person.

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OUR PLAN GET READY

TEXT FIRST _____ ☎ _____

BACKUP _____ ☎ _____

OUT OF AREA _____ ☎ _____

MEET 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

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