

HOUSEHOLD/FAMILY REUNIFICATION PLAN

In case a major emergency occurs, do your family members know how you will all get back together, or, at least, do a check-in to make sure everyone is alright?

Important issues to consider:

- Have you discussed what emergencies you are going to respond to that are most likely to happen where you live, go to school, work or play?
- Where are you going to meet outside of the home?
- If you are not at home, do you have an out-of-area emergency (out-of-state is recommended) contact person that everyone knows to call to check-in and let them know that everything is ok?
- Have you chosen two places to meet outside the home?
- Have you chosen two places out of your neighborhood, in case you cannot return home or have to evacuate where your home is located?
- Have you practiced (or at least discussed) evacuating your home at least twice a year to make sure everyone is familiar with where you and your family are going to meet?
- Does everyone have access to their own personal Go-Bag, including for the pet (if you own one)?
- Who is responsible for bringing the pet?
- Does everyone have an emergency identification card?
- If anyone in your household has special needs, e.g., medications, glasses, syringes, etc., or are disabled, are they addressed in your evacuation plan?
- Have you assigned responsibilities to each member as to what they are going to do in case of an evacuation from your home?

As a Back-up Plan

Let Your Family Know You're Safe

Tell your family or household members about the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available at RedCross.org. It is an Internet-based tool that should be part of your plan. People in areas affected by disasters can self-register as "safe and well" and concerned family and friends who know your phone number or address can search for messages posted by those who have registered. If there is no internet access, you can call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and household member(s).