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Disaster Preparedness for
Menlo Park and Surrounding
Unincorporated County Area

Preparedness Financial Check List

Household Identification:

Think about the documents you would need to identify yourself and your household members, including children and pets. Make sure these are safe and consider having copies in your Preparedness Kit:

- Vital records (birth, marriage, divorce certificate, adoption, child custody papers)
- Passport, driver's license, Social Security card, green card, military identification, other valid means of identification
- Pet ownership papers, id tags



Financial and Legal Documentation:

Taking time to document financial information and contact numbers before a situation occurs can save you time and stress in an emergency: **Keep Safe and Secure!**



- Contact List for Credit cards, Mortgage, Rent, Utilities, Insurance, Loans, etc. (include company names, phone numbers, and your account numbers)
- Record your vehicle information: Insurance, license, year/model, etc.
- Record of your banks accounts, retirement accounts, investment accounts, etc.
- Consider filling out FEMA's Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK¹)
- Copy of medical information: Doctor, hospital, medicines, immunization, critical care, etc.

Be Financially Safe:

After a natural disaster or emergency, you may find yourself facing unexpected issues with your credit reports or scores:

- Beware of Charity scams!
- Learn to avoid fraud and scams²
- Do not share your information via phone, online, or even in person with unknown people
- Scams can be many things: Repair services, unsolicited help, limited time offers, etc
- Don't feel comfortable? Don't engage or contribute.

¹www.fema.gov/emergency-financial-first-aid-kit

²www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/disasters-and-emergencies/protecting-your-finances/
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