Creating Your “To Go” Box

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Emergencies: Are You Prepared?

- Natural Disasters
- Fires
- Theft
- Sudden Illness
- Contingency Plans
- Tax Records

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Be Prepared for Disaster

by Assembling an Evacuation “To-Go” Box...
“To-Go” Box

STEP ONE:

- Place items in folders or envelopes
- Place these in sealed, waterproof plastic
- Store in durable, sealed box
- Fireproof box is recommended

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STEP TWO:
Store box at home in SECURE location for easy access

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“To-Go” Box

STEP THREE:

- If you must evacuate
  - Keep box with you at all times
  - Do not leave it in your unattended car
Your “To Go” Box Should Include

- **Cash**
  - Amount depends on number of people in your family and ability to use ATM, debit and credit cards to get more cash or to make purchases
- **Rolls of quarters**
Your “To Go” Box Should Include

- Emergency phone numbers (local & toll-free)
  - Doctors, pharmacies
  - Banks and other financial institutions
  - Insurance companies
  - Credit card companies
  - Clergy
  - Repair contractors
  - Family
Your “To Go” Box Should Include Copies of...

- Important prescriptions
  - Medicines
  - Eyeglasses
- Children’s immunization records
- Health, dental, and/or prescription insurance cards or numbers
Your “To Go” Box Should Include

- Copies of auto, flood, renter’s or homeowners insurance policies and policy numbers
- Insurance company telephone numbers
  - Local agent/office
  - Company headquarters
Your “To Go” Box Should Include Copies of These:

- Deeds
- Titles
- Wills & trust documents
- Durable power of attorney
- Healthcare directives

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Your “To Go” Box Should Include Copies of These:

- Stock and bond certificates
- Home inventory
- Birth, death, adoption and marriage certificates
- Passports
- Employee benefit documents
Your “To Go” Box Should Include Copies of These:

- First two pages of previous year’s federal and state income tax returns
- Military service records
- ORIGINALS OTHER THAN WILLS, SHOULD BE KEPT IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX OR AT ANOTHER LOCATION

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Your “To Go” Box Should Include

- Back-up copies of computerized financial records
- Keys to safe deposit box
- Combination to safe
- Negatives/disks for personal photos
Your “To Go” Box Should Include

- User names and passwords
- List of debt obligations, due dates, and contact information
- Photocopies of front and back of all credit cards
Include A List of These Numbers

- Social Security *(keep original card here or in safe deposit box)*
- Bank accounts
- Loans
- Credit cards
- Driver’s license
- Investment accounts
Digital Files

- Instead of paper files, scan your documents
- Store on flash drive or CD
Update Your “To Go” Box

- Review periodically and update
- Add or delete as needed

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Can prevent the unexpected from becoming a harsh financial reality
Replacing Valuable Documents

- What if you lose everything?
- Resources for replacing documents may be destroyed
- Most can be replaced
- Resource list compiled for Mississippi provided in handouts
Sources of Information

- LSU AgCenter
- State of Mississippi
- University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service
- Virginia Cooperative Extension
- American Red Cross
- FDIC
For More Information

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