

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WIRELESS TIPS

With more than 98% of Americans owning a mobile phone and more than 70% of 9-1-1 calls made on mobile devices, wireless helps save lives during emergencies. We don't always know when a disaster will strike, but here are a few easy steps to take now to make sure you and your mobile device are prepared in case of an emergency.

HOW TO **PREPARE** FOR AN EMERGENCY

Keep **emergency phone numbers** in your cellphone.

Designate at least one **"In Case of Emergency" (ICE)** contact in your phone contacts so emergency personnel know who to contact during an emergency.

- Tell your ICE contact(s) of your medical issues or special needs.
- If you have pets, make sure your ICE contact(s) know how many and what to do in case you're not available.

Keep batteries charged and carry a spare charger. Consider a third party external charging device.

Use these tips to conserve your phone's battery life:

- Turn on your phone's power saving mode (if it has one) when not in use.
- Turn off Wi-Fi when not in use because it uses a lot of power to constantly look for a signal.
- Close unused apps and turn off push notifications so nothing is running in the background.
- Turn off social media.

Know how to **forward your home phone number** to your cellphone in case you are evacuated.



WHAT TO DO DURING AN EMERGENCY



DO

Use text messaging, e-mail or social media to let your loved ones know you are okay. Keep it short and simple by only conveying necessary information. By doing so, other people will also be able to communicate with their loved ones.

If you must call, **wait 10 seconds before redialing** a call to help reduce network congestion. Quickly redialing phone numbers contributes to a clogged network.

Preserve your cellphone battery life. You can easily do this by reducing the brightness of your screen, placing your phone in airplane mode and closing apps you are not using.

DON'T

DON'T make voice calls unless it's an emergency to avoid clogging the network. Voice calls take up more space on the wireless network and it's important to minimize unnecessary voice calls so our emergency responders are able to communicate.

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