



First 72 on You: Family Communication Plan Checklist

Creating Your Family Plan:

- Choose an emergency contact person (outside of the area, if possible).
- Make sure everyone in your family has each other's contact information.
- Identify meeting places:
 - Near your home (for events like house fires).
 - Outside your neighborhood (in case of a larger evacuation).
- Teach children how to use 911 and when to call for help.
- Ensure all family members know how to text, as texting may work even if phone lines are down.
- Sign up for **ReGroup Alerts**, the local mass notification system, to receive emergency alerts on your phone.
- Familiarize your family with **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)** and **IPAWS**: These systems send critical notifications, such as evacuation orders, directly to your mobile device.
 - Ensure your mobile device can receive these alerts in times of emergency.
- Plan for family members with disabilities or medical needs.
- Include pets in your plan—know where pet-friendly shelters are located.
- Ensure everyone knows how to respond to ReGroup, WEA, or IPAWS alerts when they're issued.