

Make a plan now, before a power cut, flood or evacuation.**1 CHOOSE YOUR CONTACTS**

Know who to call.

**Local contact**

Choose a nearby trusted person.

**Outside-area**

Choose someone away from your area.

**Paper list**

Write numbers and key addresses.

**Everyone knows**

Teach children who to contact.

2 AGREE ON MEETING PLACES

If separated.

**Near home**

Pick a safe spot outside your home.

**Away from area**

Pick a second place farther away.

**Write locations**

Add full addresses and directions.

**Plan for pets**

Agree who takes pets and supplies.

3 WHEN PHONES DO NOT WORK

Have a backup.

**Try text first**

Texts may work when calls fail.

**Listen for alerts**

Use a battery-powered radio.

**Leave a message**

Agree a safe way to share updates.

**Do not travel**

Avoid danger just to make contact.

4 PRACTISE AS A FAMILY

Keep it current.

**Contact card**

Give each person a paper copy.

**Charge devices**

Keep a power bank and cable.

**Run a drill**

Practise where to meet and whom to call.

**Follow officials**

Use local warnings and evacuation advice.

FILL IN TOGETHER

Out-of-area contact: _____ Meeting place: _____

FAMILY CONTACT PLAN: SAFETY NOTES

Keep this page with your visual quick-glance guide.

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WRITE A REAL CONTACT CARD

List names, mobile numbers, home and work numbers if available, full meeting-place addresses, and any essential medical or accessibility details. Keep copies in bags and at home. Protect personal information.

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COMMUNICATIONS MAY BE UNRELIABLE

During emergencies, mobile networks, internet and electricity may be disrupted. Try a short text message if calls fail; it is not guaranteed to work. Save battery, use official alerts and agree how often to check in.

3

CHILDREN, CARERS AND PETS

Agree who collects children from school and check school emergency procedures. Include relatives, carers, people who need assistance and pets. Make an accessible plan for everyone in the household.

4

EVACUATION AND SAFETY FIRST

Never return to an unsafe building or cross floodwater to reach a meeting point. Follow official evacuation and shelter instructions. If separated, contact emergency services when someone is in immediate danger.

OUR PLAN — WRITE IT DOWN

Near-home meeting place: _____ Second meeting place: _____ Check-in contact: _____

Official reference points (follow your own country's guidance):

[ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan) | [redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html](https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html)

Local emergency management, school and public safety authorities