



Patient Home Safety Information

Mayo Clinic Store

A wide range of natural disasters occur every year and can have a devastating effect on you and your home. By following the safety tips and recommendations of the National Weather Service, you can protect yourself, your family and your home from potential threats. Keep your emergency numbers accessible during a natural disaster and have an emergency evacuation plan established. Check all emergency medical equipment backup systems in your home for proper function and ease of access. Plan accordingly if staff are unable to reach your home due to road conditions.

Medical equipment should always be plugged into a grounded outlet.

General Safety Recommendations

- If a generator is used during power outages, the generator should be operated following the manufacturer's guidelines. Never run cords under rugs or carpets due to fire risk.
- Be careful when using candles. Keep the flame away from combustible objects and out of reach of children. Oxygen sources should be kept at least 10 feet from an open flame.
- Assume all electrical wires on the ground are electrically charged. Be aware of and avoid all downed utility lines. Report downed or damaged power lines to the utility company or emergency services. If your home is damaged, it should be inspected by a licensed electrician.
- If you believe there is a gas leak, immediately leave the house and leave the door(s) open. Never strike a match; any size flame can spark an explosion.

Summer Storm, Tornado Warning or Watch

- Lightning associated with thunderstorms can generate a risk.
- Follow the notifications of the National Weather Service and take action as indicated. Action may include evacuation to a safe location. A safe location during a tornado can be a basement or storm shelter.
- Clients living in trailers or mobile homes are advised to leave for the nearest shelter.

Winter Storm (A Severe Storm means more than 5 inches of snow.)

- Use caution when traveling during winter storms and prepare an emergency kit for your car (blanket, water, food, medications, first aid kit).
- During a Severe Weather Advisory staff may not be able to make scheduled deliveries due to unsafe driving conditions.

Flood

- Follow your city, county, and/or state recommendations for evacuation during a flood and take your medical equipment with you when able. Note some types of fire-related hazards exist during and after a flood.
- Electrical equipment and appliances that have been exposed to water can have electrical shortages and become a fire and shock hazard.
- If your home has flood water exposure, you may need to have a licensed electrician confirm its safety. Use caution near standing water due to the possibility for electrical shock.

Complete the information below and have available in an emergency.

Name (First, Middle, Last)		Birth Date (mm-dd-yyyy)	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Address (Street, City, State, ZIP Code)		Home Phone	
Provider Name (First, Middle, Last)		Provider Phone	

Medical Equipment List		
Power Company	Fire Department	Ambulance Service
Home Care Agency	Medications List and Locations	
Home Medical Company		

Emergency Kit <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance cards <input type="checkbox"/> Provider's orders <input type="checkbox"/> Plan of treatment (if applicable)	Power of Attorney Name (personal and medical)	
	Contact Information for My Family and Friends	
	Where to Go Before, During, and After an Emergency	
Location of My File(s)		Pharmacy Phone