

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

REQUIREMENT #1:

Earn the First Aid merit badge

REQUIREMENT #2:

Do the following:

- a. Discuss with your counselor the aspects of emergency preparedness:
 1. **Prepare** for emergency situations.
 2. **Respond** to emergency situations.
 3. **Recover** from emergency situations.
 4. **Mitigate** and prevent emergency situations.

Include in your discussion the kinds of questions that are important to ask yourself as you consider each of these.

- b. Make a chart that demonstrates your understanding of each of the aspects of emergency preparedness in requirement 2a (prepare, respond, recover, mitigate) with regard to 10 of the situations listed below. **You must use situations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 below in boldface**, but you may choose any other five listed here for a total of 10 situations. Discuss this chart with your counselor.

1. **Home kitchen fire**
2. **Home basement/storage room/garage fire**
3. **Explosion in the home**
4. **Automobile crash**
5. **Food-borne disease (food poisoning)**
6. Fire or explosion in a public place
7. Vehicle stalled in the desert
8. Vehicle trapped in a blizzard
9. Flash flooding in town or in the country
10. Mountain/backcountry accident
11. Boating or water accident
12. Gas leak in a home or a building
13. Tornado or hurricane
14. Major flood
15. Nuclear power plant emergency
16. Avalanche (snow slide or rockslide)
17. Violence in a public place

- c. Meet with and teach your family how to get or build a kit, make a plan, and be informed for the situations on the chart you created for requirement 2b. Complete a family plan. Then meet with your counselor and report on you family meeting, discuss their responses, and share your family plan.

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REQUIREMENT #3:

Show how you could safely save a person from the following:

- a. Touching a live household electric wire.
- b. A room filled with carbon monoxide
- c. Clothes on fire
- d. Drowning, using non-swimming rescues (including accidents on ice).

REQUIREMENT #4:

Show three ways of attracting and communicating with rescue planes/aircraft.

REQUIREMENT #5:

With another person, show a good way to transport an injured person out of a remote and/or rugged area, conserving the energy of rescuers while ensuring the well being and protection of the injured person.

REQUIREMENT #6:

Do the following:

- a. Tell the things a group of Scouts should be prepared to do, the training they need, and the safety precautions they should take for the following emergency services:
 1. Crowd and traffic control
 2. Messenger service and communication
 3. Collection and distribution services
 4. Group feeding, shelter, and sanitation
- b. Identify the government or community agencies that normally handle and prepare for the emergency services listed under 6a, and explain to your counselor how a group of Scouts could volunteer to help in the event of these types of emergencies.
- c. Find out who is your community's emergency management director and learn what this person does to **prepare, respond to, recover from, and mitigate and prevent** emergency situations in your community. Discuss this information with your counselor, and apply what you discover to the chart you created for requirement #2b.

REQUIREMENT #7:

Take part in an emergency service project, either a real one or a practice drill, with a Scouting unit or a community agency.

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REQUIREMENT #8:

Do the following:

- a. Prepare a written plan for mobilizing your troop when needed to do emergency service. If there is already a plan, explain it. Tell your part in making it work.

- b. Take part in at least one troop mobilization. Before the exercise, describe your part to your counselor. Afterward, conduct an “after-action” lesson, discussing what you learned during the exercise that required changes or adjustments to the plan.

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- c. Prepare a personal emergency service pack for a mobilization call. Prepare a family emergency kit (suitcase or waterproof box) for use by your family in case an emergency evacuation is needed. Explain the needs and uses of the contents.

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REQUIREMENT #9:

Do the following:

- b. Review or develop a plan of escape for your family in case of fire in your home.

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