

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MERIT BADGE

Required Pre-Work:

Requirement 1(b) – Emergency Situations Chart

Complete the required chart for **10 emergency situations**. For each situation, address:

- Prevention
- Protection
- Mitigation
- Response
- Recovery

Bring your completed chart to the rally and be prepared to discuss your answers.

Requirement 2(a) – Family Emergency Planning

Hold a family meeting and discuss the emergency situations from your Requirement 1(b) chart. As a family, develop plans for:

- Sheltering in place
- Evacuating your home

Be prepared to tell me about your family discussion and the plans you developed.

Requirement 2(b) – Home Fire Escape Plan

Develop **and practice** a fire escape plan with your family.

Bring a drawing showing:

- Your home's floor plan
- Escape routes
- Your family's designated outdoor meeting place

Requirement 2(c) – Family Disaster Kit

Prepare or inspect your family's emergency supplies for both sheltering in place and evacuating your home.

You do not need to bring the entire emergency kit to the rally. Bring a checklist and photos of the kit instead. Be prepared to explain what is in the kit and why the items are needed.

Requirement 3 – Complete ONE of the following:

3(a) – Home Safety Inspection – Recommended

Using the home safety checklist from the Emergency Preparedness merit badge pamphlet, inspect your home or another appropriate building with an adult. Bring the completed checklist and be prepared to discuss any hazards you identified.

OR

3(b) – Emergency Prevention Plans

Develop emergency prevention plans for five family activities outside the home. If you plan to complete this option, please contact the counselor in advance so the activities can be approved as required.

Requirement 8(c) – Personal Emergency Service Pack

Prepare or inspect a personal emergency service pack or "go bag." You may bring photos and a checklist rather than bringing the entire pack. Be prepared to explain the items you selected and their purpose.

Requirement 9 – First Aid Merit Badge

You must have already earned the **First Aid Merit Badge** in order to complete Emergency Preparedness.

We will complete the remaining requirements through discussion, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and an emergency exercise during the rally. We will also spend time discussing how emergency management and the Incident Command System work in the real world.

Please understand that simply attending the class does not automatically complete the merit badge. Each Scout must complete and demonstrate the requirements. Scouts who have not completed all of the prerequisite work are still welcome to participate, but they may receive a **partial completion** and need to finish the remaining requirements later.

Please bring your completed prerequisite work with you to the rally.