



# BE READY IN A FLASH



## CREATE A SURVIVAL FLASH DRIVE

If there were a fire, flood, or other disaster that destroyed your home, where would your important documents such as birth certificate, passport, deed, licenses, permits, etc be? Protect yourself by scanning all your important documents and storing them on a Survival Flash Drive.

- Purchase a USB Flash Drive (also called memory sticks or thumb drives due to their small size)
- Use a permanent marker, sticker, or label to put the word "**ICE**" (In Case of Emergency) on it
- Scan your important documents using a scanner, and store the files on the Survival Flash Drive

### WHAT TO PUT ON YOUR FLASH DRIVE

#### All Government Issued IDs, Licenses, Permits, and Certifications for Each Family Member

- Driver's License / ID
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Passport
- Marriage Certificate
- Gun Permit
- Veteran/Discharge Papers
- Work Permits / Licenses
- Immigration Papers

#### Important Non-Government Documents

- Medical Records
- Vaccination Records
- Health Plan Information
- Advance Directives
- Business Records
- Bank Accounts
- Credit Card Accounts
- Insurance (Home/Auto)
- Real Estate / Mortgage
- Rental Agreement
- Contracts
- Wills
- Power of Attorney
- Divorce / Custody Papers
- Restraining Orders

#### Other Important Information

- Current Photos of Each Family Member and Pet
- Important Family Pictures
- Emergency Contact List with Addresses + Phone Numbers

### KEEP IT UP TO DATE

Remember to keep the information on your Survival Flash Drive current by updating it regularly.

### PASSWORD PROTECT / ENCRYPT THE INFORMATION

For an added level of security, you can password-protect the files or encrypt the drive using software like TrueCrypt. Keep in mind that emergency workers would have a hard time opening protected files.

### STORE IT IN A SAFE LOCATION

Store your Survival Flash Drive in a small sealed plastic bag to prevent damage from the elements. Attach it to your key chain, put it in your purse, put it in a fireproof + waterproof safe, put it in a drawer at work, or put it in the glove box of your vehicle. Keep a copy wherever you think it will be safe and available in an emergency away from your house (in case of fire or flood).

### SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Create a document on your computer that includes all the details medical personnel may need to know in an emergency. Name the document **ICE** (which stands for **I**n **C**ase of **E**mergency). Save a copy of the ICE document on your Survival Flash Drive.