Home Emergency Checklist -Auckland

Preparing for emergencies ensures safety and minimizes damage. Keep this comprehensive emergency checklist accessible and review it regularly with your household. Ensure your home is prepared for emergencies with this comprehensive safety checklist:

1. Keep a list of Emergency Contact Numbers:

If in Doubt		DIALL 111		
Ambulance	111	Auckland		09 579 9099
		Helensville, Pukekohe, Waiuku, Silverdale & Warkworth		0800 426 285
Hospitals				
		Middlemore Hospital		09 276 0000
		Auckland Hospital		09 367 0000
Environmental Pollution				
		Air Pollution		09 379 2090
		Pollution of the sea, stormwater etc		09 377 3107
Fire	111			
Smell Gas	111	Get back 20 meters or	Vector	0800 764 764
Electrical Supply		Faults AKL only		
		Vector		0800 764 764
		Contact Energy		0508 832 8867
		Mercury		0800 878 787
		Meridian		0800 496 496
		Do not attempt to rectify or touch and get back 20 meters		
Police	111			
National Poisons Centre				0800 764 766
Hazardous Chemicals		For large spills		111
WorkSafe Notifications				0800 030 040
A & E Medical Centres				
A & E Penrose/Church Street Clinic, 766 Great South Road				09 579 4784
A & E Three Kings, Three Kings Plaza, 536 Mt Albert Road				09 625 2999
A & E Takapuna, 209 Shakespeare Road				09 486 7777
Eastcare - 260 Botany Road, Howick				09 277 1540
A & E Takanini Care, 106 Great South Road				09 299 7670

Civil Defence Information https://www.civildefence.govt.nz
https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.govt.nz

2. Install and Test Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Regularly check batteries and functionality; replace as needed to provide early warnings.

3. Home Preparedness

- **Secure Loose Items**: Fasten shelves, secure heavy furniture, and appliances
- **Install Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors**: Test regularly and replace batteries

- **Fire Extinguishers**: Ensure accessible and in working order
- **Know How to Turn Off Utilities**: Gas, water, and electricity
- **Know How to Shut Off Main Water Valve/Power**

4. Create an Emergency Evacuation Plan

Identify multiple escape routes, a safe meeting point outside your home, and practice the plan regularly with household members.

- **Designate a Safe Space**: Identify and prepare a secure area inside your home
- **Evacuation Routes**: Know multiple routes out of your area
- **Meeting Points**: Establish a central location where everyone can gather
- **Transportation Plan**: Know how you will evacuate (car, public transport, etc.)
- **Pet Safety**: Prepare supplies and plan for pets' evacuation.

5. Special Needs and Consideration

- Infants & Children: Diapers, formula, toys, baby gear
- Elderly or Disabled Family Members: Accessibility needs and medical equipment
- Individuals with Medical Conditions: Extra medications, supplies, and notes

6. Create an Emergency Kit and Supplies

- **Water**: At least 3 litres per person per day, for 3 days
- **Non-perishable Food**: Snack bars, canned goods, easy-to-prepare meals
- **First-Aid Kit**: Bandages, antiseptic, pain relievers, gloves, scissors
- **Flashlights & Batteries**
- **Battery-Powered Radio** (preferably NOAA weather radio)
- **Personal Hygiene Items**: Sanitizer, wet wipes, toiletries
- **Medication**: Prescriptions and necessary medical supplies
- **Multi-tool or Swiss Army Knife**
- **Blankets or Warm Clothing**
- **Copies of Important Documents**: ID, insurance policies, medical records, bank info
- **Cash**: Cash in small denominations
- **Chargers**: Portable phone chargers and power banks

7. Secure Heavy and Loose Items

Fasten shelves, bookshelves, and furniture to walls; secure or store exterior items that could cause injury or damage during storms or earthquakes.

8. Keep an Emergency Kit Accessible

Prepare a kit with water, non-perishable food, first-aid supplies, flashlight, batteries, and essential medications; store it in an easily reachable location.

9. Know How to Shut Off Utilities

Learn and mark how to turn off gas, water, and electricity to prevent further hazards in the event of a leak, fire, or flood.

10. **Maintain Clear Exits and Pathways**
    Ensure all doors and windows are accessible; keep walkways free of obstructions to facilitate quick evacuation.

11. **Install Fire Extinguishers and Know How to Use Them**
    Place fire extinguishers in key areas like the kitchen and garage; get trained on proper use.

12. **Prepare for Severe Weather or natural Disasters**
    Secure outdoor structures, trim trees, and reinforce windows if necessary; monitor local weather reports regularly.

13. **Keep Important Documents Safe and Copy Them**
    Store IDs, insurance policies, medical records, and emergency contacts in a waterproof, easily accessible container or digital format.

14. **Regularly Review and Practice Your Emergency Plan**
    Conduct drills with family members; update supplies, contact info, and safety procedures at least annually.

Stay proactive and prepared — your safety depends on it!