

# 30 Days 30 Ways

## Family Emergency Preparedness

### Critical Documents

When disaster strikes, your immediate concern will be your safety and the safety of those you care about. Once the immediate danger passes, however, having your financial and medical records and important contact information will be crucial to help you start the recovery process quickly. Taking time now to safeguard these critical documents will give you peace of mind, ensure you have access to essential medical and prescription information, and help you avoid additional stress during the difficult days following a disaster.

The first step is to take an inventory of your household documents and contacts.

- Vital records (birth, marriage, divorce, adoption, child support)
- Personal (passport, driver's license, social security card, military ID, immigration, insurance)
- Important contact information
- Pictures of pets
- Medical records
- Mortgage
- Vehicle registration



Second step - download the Emergency Financial First Aid Kit (EFFAK) at [www.ready.gov/financialpreparedness](http://www.ready.gov/financialpreparedness) for more complete checklists and guidance on collecting and safeguarding this important information.