

# Emergency Preparedness Checklist

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- ✓ Purchase a NOAA 'All Hazards' Radio for emergency alerts
- ✓ Sign up for Pierce County ALERT: [www.piercecountywa.gov](http://www.piercecountywa.gov)
- ✓ Post emergency telephone numbers by phones
  - fire
  - police
  - ambulance
  - family members
- ✓ Teach children how and when to call 9-1-1
- ✓ Show each family member how and when to turn off the utilities
  - water
  - gas
  - electricity
- ✓ Get training for each family member on how to use the fire extinguisher (ABC type), and show them where it's kept
- ✓ Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms
- ✓ Stock emergency supplies and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit
- ✓ Take a first aid and CPR class
- ✓ Determine the best escape routes from your home--find two ways out of each room
- ✓ Find the safe places in your home for each type of disaster and learn shelter-in-place procedures
- ✓ Practice and maintain your plan
- ✓ Quiz your kids every six months or so
- ✓ Conduct fire and emergency evacuations
- ✓ Replace stored water and stored food every six months
- ✓ Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) according to manufacturer's instructions
- ✓ Test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year