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Kids and Pets Readiness Pack

A comfort kit and a job for every child, the school pickup plan, and a kit and buddy for every pet.

Hey, I'm Randall. I'm a former Marine Combat Engineer, and my wife, Robbie, is a registered nurse. It is easy to write a family plan that only works for the adults. This one covers the smallest people and the four-legged ones. Let the kids help fill it in.

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"Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds."

Proverbs 27:23 (KJV)

Step 1: Each Child's Comfort Kit and Job

- ☐ Small flashlight or headlamp they can use
- ☐ Book, cards or game with no batteries
- ☐ Change of clothes

- ☐ Stuffed animal, blanket or small toy
- ☐ A snack they like and a water bottle
- ☐ Card with parents' names, phones, meeting place

Child 1: Name And Age:

School Or Daycare And Phone:

Comfort Items In Their Bag:

Their Job When We Have To Move:

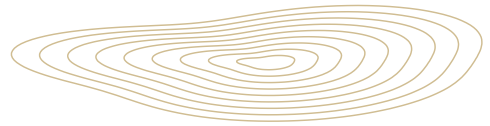
Child 2: Name And Age:

School Or Daycare And Phone:

Comfort Items In Their Bag:

Their Job When We Have To Move:





STEP 2

School and Daycare Pickup Plan

Ready.gov notes that buildings like schools have their own safety plans depending on how they are built and what kind of emergency is happening. [S2] Ask the school, and write the answers here.

Room for more children:

Child 3: Name And Age:

School Or Daycare And Phone:

Comfort Items In Their Bag:

Their Job When We Have To Move:

Child 4: Name And Age:

School Or Daycare And Phone:

Comfort Items In Their Bag:

Their Job When We Have To Move:

Where Children Go If They Leave The Building:

How The School Reaches Parents:

Who May Pick Up Our Children, And What They Must Show:

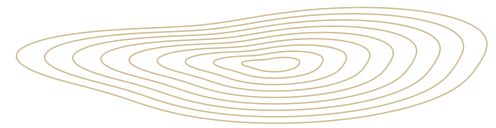
Backup Adult On The School Pickup List:

Jobs by Age

- **Little ones:** carry their own comfort bag; hold a sibling's hand.
- **Grade school:** grab the flashlights, help with the pet's leash, know the meeting place.
- **Teens:** carry the weather radio, help an older neighbor, text the family group, learn first aid with you.

☐ We practiced walking to our shelter spot and meeting place together



**STEP 3**

Each Pet's Kit, Buddy and Carrier

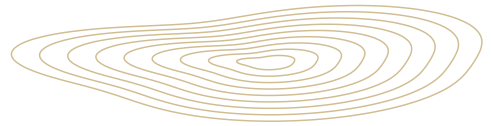
Ready.gov: pets belong in the family emergency plan. Many public shelters and hotels do not allow pets inside, so know a safe place before an emergency. [S1]

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| ☐ Several days of food, sealed container | ☐ Water bowl and several days of water |
| ☐ Extra pet medicine, waterproof container | ☐ Pet first aid kit (ask the vet) |
| ☐ Collar, ID tag, leash, and backups | ☐ Records, waterproof and saved online |
| ☐ Travel bag, crate or sturdy carrier for each pet | ☐ Litter, box, paper towels, trash bags |

Pet 1: Name And Kind:**Microchip Number And Company:****Vet And Phone:****Medicine (as The Vet Prescribed) And Where The Extra Is:****Carrier, Crate Or Leash, And Where It Is:****Pet 2: Name And Kind:****Microchip Number And Company:****Vet And Phone:****Medicine (as The Vet Prescribed) And Where The Extra Is:****Carrier, Crate Or Leash, And Where It Is:****Pet Buddy (neighbor, Friend Or Relative) And Phone:****Pet-friendly Place We Can Go:**

Ready.gov: have your pet microchipped and keep your address and phone current, with an emergency contact outside your area. Get them used to the carrier: leave it out and open, add treats and a favorite blanket. [S1]





NEXT STEPS

Gear for This Plan: Our Picks

- **A light for every child:** Black Diamond Astro 300 headlamp.
- **A filter for a kid's bag:** LifeStraw Personal. Not built to remove viruses.
- **Still on the list, no pick yet:** a pet first aid kit, a sturdy carrier and a backup leash. Ask your vet.

Read more on our site • The picks, with the tradeoffs:

Kids and Pets Readiness Pack: Gear

Read more on our site • Records for every person and pet:

Family Emergency Binder

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