BE READY IN A FLASH
CREATE | 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 (COPIES OF..)

All Government Issues 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
- Irreplaceable documents

Important Non-Government Documents
- Medical Records
- Vaccination Records
- Health Plan Information
- Advance Directives
- Business Records
- Bank Accounts
- Credit Cards + 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
- Family emergency + communications plans
- Emergency contact list with address + phone number

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).