



Warren CERT eNews



Not if..... When Always Vigilant - Always Prepared

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This newsletter is brought to you by the Executive Board and is meant to give you the latest news and information from around the organization as well as further your capabilities in a disaster or emergency situation. - *Michael Riley*

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BASIC CERT CLASS

A great time was had by all and much knowledge learned in our recent CERT class. Congratulations to all!



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A very special thank you to our Instructor Ron!

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Come out and support Warren CERT

Fri	May 18	4:00pm-8:00pm
Fri	Jun 15	4:00pm-8:00pm
Fri	Jul 20	4:00pm-8:00pm
Fri	Aug 17	4:00pm-8:00pm
Fri	Sep 14	4:00pm-8:00pm
Fri	Oct 19	4:00pm-8:00pm

Come support CERT and enjoy some awesome food & treats!

There may be surprise visits from Warren Police, Firefighters, and maybe even our new K9's and their Handlers

You might even meet some of the officers from our new Community Policing Unit



Duct tape is a strong, cloth-backed, waterproof adhesive tape often coated with polyethylene. There are a couple of different lines of thought about the origins of duct tape.

According to one version, the miracle stuff was created during World War II when the US military needed a flexible, durable, waterproof tape to use making repairs in the field. A strong tape was created by Permacell, a division of Johnson and Johnson for this purpose. As the story goes, the GIs called it “duck tape” because it was waterproof – like a duck’s back.

The other version dates back to the same era, but gives the credit to the heating industry. When people first began using central heating, aluminum ducts were installed throughout homes in order to distribute the heat to different rooms. The joints of the ducts were leaking, so in an effort to conserve heat, duct tape was created to resolve the issue.

It had to be highly adhesive, moist enough that it wouldn’t dry out and lose its adhesive properties, and strong enough to withstand the weight of the shifting ducts.

Regardless of the origin, I think we can all agree that duct tape is a fix-all.

HEAT EXHAUSTION VS HEAT STROKE

The infographic is a vertical comparison chart. At the top, two colored boxes are separated by the word 'OR'. The left box is orange and labeled 'HEAT EXHAUSTION'. The right box is red and labeled 'HEAT STROKE'. Below these are two human figures, one orange and one red, each with lines pointing to various symptoms. The orange figure has symptoms: Faint or dizzy (with a dizziness icon), Excessive sweating (with a sweat drop icon), Cool, pale, clammy skin (with a thermometer icon showing a low reading), Nausea or vomiting (with a stomach icon), Rapid, weak pulse (with a heart icon and a weak pulse line), and Muscle cramps (with a lightning bolt icon). The red figure has symptoms: Throbbing headache (with a lightning bolt icon), No sweating, Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin (with a thermometer icon showing a high reading and an upward arrow), Nausea or vomiting (with a stomach icon), Rapid, strong pulse (with a heart icon and a strong pulse line), and May lose consciousness (with a sad face icon). At the bottom, the orange box contains three bullet points: 'Get to a cooler, air conditioned place', 'Drink water if fully conscious', and 'Take a cool shower or use cold compresses'. The red box contains the text 'CALL 9-1-1' in large white letters, followed by a bullet point: 'Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives'.

Symptom	Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
Head	Faint or dizzy	Throbbing headache
Skin	Excessive sweating	No sweating
Temperature	Cool, pale, clammy skin	Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
Stomach	Nausea or vomiting	Nausea or vomiting
Pulse	Rapid, weak pulse	Rapid, strong pulse
Muscles	Muscle cramps	May lose consciousness

HEAT EXHAUSTION OR **HEAT STROKE**

- Get to a cooler, air conditioned place
- Drink water if fully conscious
- Take a cool shower or use cold compresses

CALL 9-1-1

- Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives

THE MONTH IN REVIEW - CALL OUTS, DEPLOYMENTS, AND EVENTS

Fri May 4	Frazho & Bunert Down Wire
Fri May 4	13899 Cowlier Down Pole
Fri May 4	25510 Eureka Down Pole
Fri May 4	31326 Gardendale Down Pole
Sat May 5	13899 Cowlier Down Pole
Sat May 5	25510 Eureka Down Pole
Sat May 5	31326 Gardendale Down Pole
Sun May 6	31326 Gardendale Down Pole
Fri May 8	Orientation
Fri May 8	Leason's Fund Raiser
Sat May 19	9 & Mound Traffic Accident
Sat May 19	Hoover & Toepfer
Tue May 22	PD Assist Traffic Schoenherr/Groesbeck/9 Mile
Fri May 25	Basic CERT Class
Sat May 26	Basic CERT Class
Sun May 27	Basic CERT Class

761.5 Total Volunteer Hours

160 - Call-Out / Events

494 - Meeting / Training Hours

107.5 - Executive Board / Administrative / Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full details available at meetings, emails, and official CERT calendar

Mon Jun 4	18:00-21:00	Warren Woods Tower Graduation Ceremony	
Fri Jun 15	16:00-20:00	Leason's Fundraiser	
Tue Jun 19	07:00-15:00	FSE Day 1	
Wed Jun 20	07:00-15:00	FSE Day 2	
Jul 13, 14, 15		Middle Eastern American Festival	City Square <u>Prism Lights Needed</u>
Jul 15	12:00-16:00	Oakland County Family Safety Day	Oakland Cty Fair Grounds
Fri Jul 20	16:00-20:00	Leason's Fundraiser	
Sat Jul 21	09:00-13:00	Document Shred Day	City Square
Sat Jul 28	09:00-12:00	Gas Hazards Awareness Training	Warren Community Ctr
Sat Aug 4	09:00-13:00	General Membership Meeting	Warren Community Ctr
Fri Aug 17	16:00-20:00	Leason's Fundraiser	
Fri Aug 24	18:00-23:00	Birthday Bash Fireworks	VanDyke Ave
Fri Sep 14	16:00-20:00	Leason's Fundraiser	
Sat Sep 22	09:00-14:00	Fall Animal Clinic	
Sat Sep 29	12:00-18:00	Warren Oktoberfest	Halmich Park
Sat Oct 6	09:00-13:00	General Membership Meeting	Warren Community Ctr
Fri Oct 19	16:00-20:00	Leason's Fundraiser	
Sat Oct 20	12:00-18:00	Harvest Treat	
Wed Oct 31	17:00-21:00	Halloween Candy Check	Station 1
Sat Dec 1	09:00-13:00	Family Appreciation Breakfast	
Sat Dec 1	17:00-20:00	Tree Lighting	City Square

Unless otherwise indicated meetings will be held at
Warren Community Center 5460 Arden Ave, Warren, MI 48092

Watch the CERT Calendar for the latest location information and other training dates.

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DUCT TAPE IN SURVIVAL SITUATIONS

As with most excellent products, there are lots of cheap knock-offs. Since your life could one day rely on your survival supplies, purchase duct tape that is designed for builders. This can be found at the hardware or home improvement store, generally in the heating and air conditioning section. But enough of the boring details. Just how can you use this miracle tape?

Repair a tent: You open your tent at the campsite and oops — a little tear. No problem as long as you've brought your duct tape along. Cover the hole with a duct tape patch; for double protection mirror the patch inside the tent. You'll keep insects and weather where they belong.

Make a rope: In a pinch, you can twist one or several lengths of duct tape into a cord or rope. (Of course paracord would be a lot better and you do have some of that, right?)

Make a clothesline: Twisting a long piece of Duct tape makes a great piece of rope to use as a clothesline to dry out camp clothing.

Hold the feathers in your sleeping bag: If you have a hole in your down sleeping bag, you can patch the hole with duct tape. No more feathers flying out all over the place.

Reseal packages of food: Use duct tape to seal up partially opened packages of food. Fold over the top of the package and seal it tight with a piece of duct tape. Works for cans, too. Simply fashion a lid out of duct tape.

Hold your tent closed: A damaged zipper could leave your tent door flapping in the wind. Stick the door shut, and keep the bugs and critters out.

Splint a broken tent pole or fishing pole: Tape a stick to the broken area of your tent pole or fishing rod, and you might just get one last adventure out of it.

Catch pesky flies: Roll off a few foot-long strips of duct tape and hang them from a branch or your tent or cabin rafters. The DT serves as flypaper and when you depart, you can roll up the tape to toss it in the trash. No need to use nasty chemicals, either.

Repair your water bottle: Have a cracked water bottle or a pierced hydration bladder? A little strip of duct tape to the rescue. Be sure to dry the surface before you try to tape your patch in place since most forms of duct tape don't stick to wet surfaces. You can also wrap plastic water bottles with duct tape to prevent cracking and leaking.

Make a spear: Strap your knife to a pole and you have a trusty spear to fend off beasts, or make one into your dinner.

Create a shelter: With some trash bags and some duct tape, and you have a survival shelter roof, or sleeping bag cover, or a wind break.

Wrap a sprained ankle: If you trip and sprain your ankle, wrap the ankle with duct tape to give it some support.

Make butterfly bandage strips: Cut two small strips of DT, and add a smaller strip across their centers (sticky side to sticky side) to create a makeshift butterfly suture.

Make a sling: Fold a length of DT down the middle, so that it is half the original width and no longer exposing a sticky side. Use the strap to make a sling for an injured arm or shoulder.

Affix bandages: Place a sterile dressing over your wound, and strap it in place with DT.

Blister care: Got a blister on your foot? Cover the blistered area with a bit of cotton gauze, and tape over the cotton. Make sure that the duct tape fully covers the cotton and doesn't touch the blister at all.

Create a splint: A broken ankle or leg can be stabilized with ample splint material, padding and duct tape.

Make a crutch: Pad the crotch of a forked branch with some cloth and duct tape to fashion a quick crutch to go with your splint.

Make a bandage: Fold tissue paper or paper towel to cover the wound and cover this with duct tape.

Make a temporary roof shingle: If you have lost a wooden roof shingle, make a temporary replacement by wrapping duct tape in strips across a piece of 1/4-inch (6-millimeter) plywood you've cut to size. Wedge the makeshift shingle in place to fill the space. It will close the gap and repel water until you can repair the roof.

Fix a hole in your siding: Has the stormy weather damaged your vinyl siding? A broken tree limb tossed by the storm, hailstones, or even an errant baseball can rip your siding. Patch tears in vinyl siding with duct tape. Choose tape in a color that matches your siding and apply it when the surface is dry. Smooth your repair by hand or with a rolling pin. The patch should last at least a season or two.

Tape a broken window: Before removing broken window glass, crisscross the broken pane with duct tape to hold it all together. This will ensure a shard does not fall out and cut you.

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DUCT TAPE IN SURVIVAL SITUATIONS

Mend a screen: Have the bugs found the tear in your window or door screen? Thwart their entrance until you make a permanent fix by covering the hole with duct tape.

Repair a trash can: Plastic trash cans that are blown over by a storm or frozen in an ice storm often split or crack along the sides. Repair the tear with duct tape. Just be sure the can is completely dry and tape over the crack both outside and inside.

Make a belt: Run a piece of DT through your belt loops and stick it to itself in the front. Overlap it about 4 or 5 inches and you'll still be able to peel the belt apart when nature calls.

Repair your glasses: If your glasses break while you are out in the wilderness, tape them up. You might look a bit nerdy but at least you will be able to see.

Fix your rain gear: Keep the dry stuff dry and keep the water out by mending your ripped rain gear with a few strips of duct tape.

Repair your clothing: Repair rips and tears in your clothing by slipping a piece of tape inside the rip, sticky side out, and carefully pressing both sides of the rip together. The repair will be barely detectable.

Add extra insulation in your boots: Make your winter boots a little bit warmer by taping the insoles with duct tape, silver side up. The shiny tape will reflect the warmth of your feet back into your boots.

Repair boots: If your boots have come apart or the sole has come off, perform a quick duct tape repair to help keep moisture and cold air away from your socks.

Keep snow out of your boots: If the snow is so deep it goes over the tops of your boots, you can wrap the tape around them to keep the tops against your legs to keep them shut tight so that you don't get snow inside your boots.

Keep bugs and parasites out of your boots: Same concept as above, summer version. Secure the tops of your boots against your legs to bar entry to ticks, chiggers, and other creepy crawlies.

Hem your pants: No time to hem your new jeans? Fake it with a strip of duct tape. The new hem will last through a few washes too.

Make restraints: Create handcuffs for the bad guys by taping their hands together around a tree to prevent them from becoming a danger to themselves or others.

Mark a trail: Use duct tape to blaze a trail so you can easily find your way back.

Rescue Signal: If you have brightly colored or reflective duct tape, you can use it to signal for rescue.

Emergency repairs to your Bug Out Vehicle: Repair leaking hoses, broken tail lights, windows that don't stay and even bullet holes with strips of duct tape.

Hang perimeter or security lights: String lights around your camp with a rope made of duct tape.

Make a disguise: Using trash bags and leaves, fashion a disguise then hold it all together with duct tape so that you can hide in plain sight.

Repair above ground swimming pools: Got an above ground pool as part of your water storage, fish farming, or aquaponics set up? Don't despair if you spring a leak. Simply dry the area completely, then adhere DT on both the inside and outside of the rip or hole. This little trick can also be used for waterbeds.

Repair gutter downpipes: Wrap the joints in duct tape to secure downpipes that won't stay together.

Remove splinters: Make sure skin is perfectly dry. Apply duct tape to the area where the splinter is embedded and quickly yank it off.

Repair a small boat: If you have a small fishing boat, kayak, or canoe that gets a hole or crack in it, you can repair it by drying the area thoroughly and applying duct tape on both sides. The repair may not last forever but will probably get you back to civilization.

Repair work gloves: Got some heavy work gloves coming apart at the seams? Repair them by folding duct tape, sticky side in, over the seam and pressing it together.

Brace broken ribs: If you've broken or cracked your ribs, but you still need to function, you can provide support with duct tape. Put on a slim fitting shirt or tank top to protect your skin, then wrap your rib cage tightly with duct tape.

Black out your windows: Use duct tape in conjunction with heavy garbage bags to cover windows during an emergency. Nothing says "rob me" like being the only house in the neighborhood with lights on.

Repair leaking pipes: Making sure to dry the area completely, apply duct tape to PVC pipes that are leaking.

Seal your home: In the event of a pandemic or a biological, nuclear, or chemical attack get all family members inside and seal off windows and doors securely with duct tape.

Seal ammo boxes: Protect your ammunition from moisture by sealing the boxes with duct tape.

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RANDOM TIPS & IDEAS

You Can Use a Crayon as a Candle.

Break the tip off a crayon and light the paper on fire, for a makeshift candle. You can also use a can of shortening. Use a strip of cotton (like a piece of a t-shirt) for a wick.

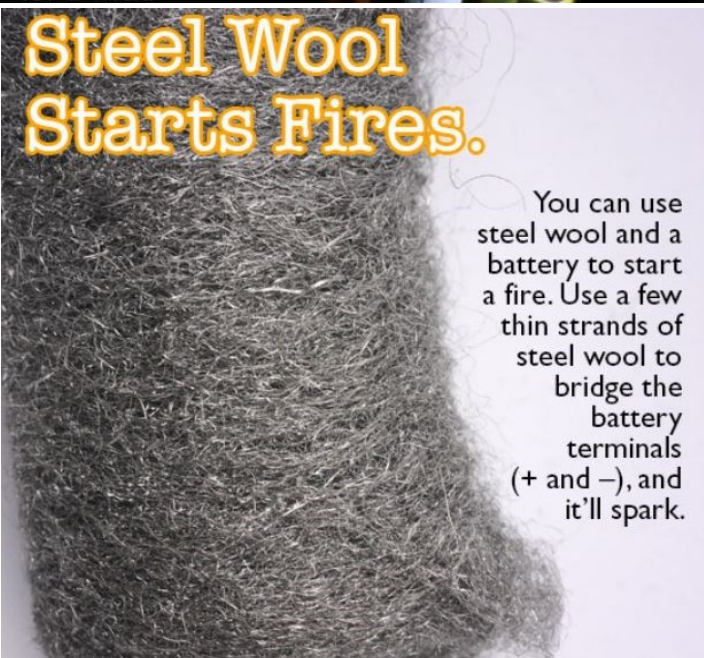


In case of emergency, a crayon will burn for 30 minutes



Steel Wool Starts Fires.

You can use steel wool and a battery to start a fire. Use a few thin strands of steel wool to bridge the battery terminals (+ and -), and it'll spark.



SUPERGLUE IN SURVIVAL SITUATIONS

Superglue isn't always the first thing that people think about as they pack their bug out bags or build their survival kits. However, there are a lot of ways that superglue can be useful during a survival situation, and having some on hand can help to keep a lot of small problems from turning into big concerns. Let's look at a few examples of how you can put it to work for you.

Boot or Shoe Repair: There will come a point during many survival situations when your boots or shoes will start to show signs of wear and tear. Seams will start to leak, pieces of the sole may become detached or the lining inside may peel from the walls. All of these problems can be solved by a dab or two of superglue, and you this can significantly-extend the life of your footwear.

Cordage and Laces: We all know how annoying frayed ends of laces, drawstrings or cords can be when we're trying to feed them through small holes. Twist the ends, apply some glue, hold it in place until it sets, and the material will be as good as new. You can also use it to prevent fraying as you cut string or cordage into smaller pieces as well.

Repair Water Bottles: You can use superglue to repair small cracks and gashes on almost any type of water bottle, and this is a great alternative to using duct tape. Just make sure that you allow the glue to dry before filling the bottle, and consider making a patch with another piece of plastic in order to create a more-durable seal.

Medical treatment: Super glue can close up a cut or small open wound. You have to be careful to avoid your eyes and mouth, but super glue will be a worthwhile addition to your kit. In order to adequately treat a wound with super glue, clean and close the wound anyway you can: stitches, bandages, pinching it together etc. (Don't pour the glue into the cut.) Then, seal the wound with the super glue. Keep the affected area free of touch, and avoid physical action that would reopen the wound. (Disclaimer: This procedure is to be used only in an emergency. As always, seek professional help.)

Weapon maker: Who would have thought that super glue could be a weapon? While technically anything could be used as a weapon if used in that manner, you can use super glue to build your own hunting weapons with it. Attaching feathers to arrows or a spearhead to long poles will be made much easier with it.

Repair a Tent: Even a small tear in your tent will let the elements in. To make matters worse, small tears quite often turn into large ones. However, repairing tears in a tent is easy with super glue. Simply press the tear together and glue it closed. If it's more of a hole than a tear, you can make a patch out of some other fabric and glue it over the hole.

Fletch Arrows: Bow hunters typically use specialized fletch glue to fletch their arrows, but super glue will work in pinch, allowing you to make your arrows functional again after multiple uses have torn the fletching off. To fletch arrows using super glue, place a line of glue down the track where the fletching was originally located and press the new fletching down into the glue until it is dry.

Duct tape alternative: The saying goes that having two is better than one. You always need a backup, and super glue is an excellent alternative. If duct tape won't get the job done, then super glue will. Sometimes, a combination of the two will work wonders.

Are there any limitations with super glue? Some types are toxic, so be careful with it.

Another limitation is that super glue does not have a long shelf life; once it's opened, it will last in the bottle a month or two at best.

CERT POLICIES MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW

Warren CERT ID and Lanyard can ONLY be worn when activated as Warren CERT and must NOT be visible when stored in your vehicle. Do not keep lanyards in your cup holders, hanging from your rear view mirror, or other obvious place. You need to assure it does not get stolen or is used to misrepresent the team.

When deployed on Warren CERT events, logos and ID's from any other agency's cannot be worn. This includes, but is not limited to Badges (Security, Hospital, Work, etc.), Shirts or uniforms with logos of other agencies (Police, Sheriff, Fire, Ambulance, Security, even other CERT teams). Displaying multiple identifying marks causes confusion and can possibly place you in unwanted and dangerous circumstances.

Under no circumstances should you self-deploy!! IF YOU SELF-DEPLOY AND ARE INJURED YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN! IF YOU SELF-DEPLOY AND ARE INJURED YOU ARE NOT COVERED BY THE CITY! If you decide to offer assistance without being called out by during a city sanctioned event you are doing so as a civilian and assume all responsibility.

You are authorized to use your red warning light while on official CERT call-outs or events and when you are using it according to CERT guidelines. You must be stationary while it is in use. You are only authorized to use it while in the city of Warren. Your light should not be visible outside of the city

Warren CERT has a Chain of Command and every member is subject to follow it. If you ever have any questions or problems bring it to your executive board. No member will email or call a city official concerning a CERT topic without having gone thru the executive board or Emergency Manager.

Under no circumstances should any member attempt to approach or attempt to move any downed wire!

All safety policies and procedures must be followed at all times.

All members, at all times, must exhibit professionalism.

No smoking, indecent or lewd behavior or discussion will be tolerated.

ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE GUIDELINES COULD RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION, EXPULSION FROM THE CERT TEAM OR CRIMINAL CHARGES.

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IMPORTANT INFO

Remember to call 586-960-5315 and leave your name, time arrived, time departed, and what scene or event your calling about!

Please like our Facebook page [Facebook.com/wrncert](https://www.facebook.com/wrncert)

**Don't forget to tell your friends and neighbors, about CERT.
We're always looking for good people.**

[Apply at warrencert.org](http://warrencert.org)

Make sure you continue to receive this eLetter and are signed up to the electronic version of the official CERT calendar.

[Check your texcom.com info to assure its current!](http://texcom.com)

Warren CERT Call-Out Procedures

Warren CERT uses Texcom.com as its primary dispatch and notification system.

All CERT members must be registered with Texcom with SMS (texting) and email. *An exception is allowed for members that do not use texting or email.*

When a call out request is received from an official source the on-duty CERT dispatcher will immediately relay the help request to the members via texcom using text messages and email.

Every message will contain specific details on how to contact dispatch and respond to requests.

Responding parties must respond as detailed in the message.

A request may advise to **call** "Dispatcher Name" at 586-xxx-xxxx.

In this case as stated **call** the dispatcher and advise of availability and interest in responding.

A request may advise to **text** to "Dispatcher Name" at 586-xxx-xxxx.

In this case you must enter the number into your texting/messaging program and enter your response to the dispatcher.

Do not reply to the message you received, it does not go to the dispatcher!

Do not call if the Texcom message states to text to respond!

In all cases, include **your First and Last name** in the response.

The dispatcher will advise of any new updates to the call, information too large to type into the Texcom message, or of a sensitive nature that can't be openly distributed.

The dispatcher may also advise of a CERT Member in Charge (CIC) in charge of the call-out as well as names of other responding members and any preliminary instructions or recommended equipment.

All responding members must report directly to the CIC and follow their directions. With the exception of emergency first aid, members are not to begin response unless directed by Warren CERT. With the exception of emergency conditions members are not to leave the response without checking out with the CIC.

New members will also be advised that they are not to perform any action until the CIC arrives, new members must wait on the side lines, in safe location until given instructions by the CIC or dispatcher.

No member will respond to a call until they have checked in with dispatch!

In all references in the above to dispatcher it refers to the CERT dispatcher, under normal circumstances no contact will be made directly to Warren PD 911 dispatch!

Should a situation or problem develop on a call-out notify CIC immediately. If an emergency develops and CIC is unresponsive or incapacitated notify then notify Warren PD dispatch

Check and update your texcom.com information occasionally. Phone numbers and email addresses do change.

do 1 thing

Being prepared for disasters and emergencies can seem like a big job. Many people don't know where to start, so they never start at all. With Do 1 Thing you can take small steps that make a big difference in an emergency.

Do 1 Thing is a 12-month program that makes it easy for you to prepare yourself, your family, and your community for emergencies or disasters.

Warren CERT is proud to be a partner with do 1 thing. Every month we will be showcasing some of the information from do 1 thing for Individuals and Business's.

Individual:

Unique Family Needs

Goal for June: Be aware of and prepare for your family's unique needs.

Every household is different. Is there an infant or young child in your home? Does someone in your family have a medical condition that requires medication? Do you have a pet? Before disaster strikes, talk to your family about your household's unique needs. Make a list of special items you may need in a disaster.

Tasks

Unique Family Needs: Talk with family members to identify your household's unique needs.

Unique Family Needs: Make a plan to make sure pets are taken care of in a disaster.

Unique Family Needs: If you or someone in your household has a disability, create an evacuation plan that works for them.

Read More: <http://do1thing.com/topics/family>

Business:

Key Personnel

Goal for Step 4: Identify your key personnel and make sure that at least one other person could step in and do their job in the event that they are not able to make it in.

Whether you are a business with only a few employees or many employees, human capital is the heart of your business. Identifying the critical functions that your staff performs, and making sure that someone is available to do it, is a key part of surviving a disaster.

Tasks

Key Personnel: Identify personnel who perform essential functions in your business.

Key Personnel: Create a succession plan.

Key Personnel: Cross-train employees in critical operation skills in case a key employee is unable to come to work

Read More: <http://do1thing.com/topics/personnel>

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Fire Extinguisher Training