



This eBooklet will teach you how to protect and keep your emergency cash and important documents in case of an emergency.

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EMERGENCY CASH AND IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

After a damaging earthquake, it won't be "business as usual." Banks and ATMs might be closed for an indefinite period, so your money in the bank will stay there.

Include in your earthquake kit a sufficient amount of cash to get you through the emergency period. You'll need cash to purchase food, gas and other emergency supplies. Small bills – ones, fives and tens – are best.

Be sure you also include plenty of change to call your out-of-state contact from a public phone. (Public phone lines are among the first to be restored after a disaster.) You can also use your calling card to make the call.

You'll also need insurance policies, birth certificates and other vital records after a damaging earthquake or another disaster. Take steps NOW to assemble and protect them.

Important Documents

After a damaging earthquake, you'll need vital personal documents and information for insurance claims and other matters. Keep the following items and documents and/or copies of them in a safe deposit box, freezer or another safe place:

- Social security cards
- Birth certificates
- Marriage and death records
- Driver's license
- Credit cards
- Insurance policies
- Recent income tax returns
- Mortgage and rental receipts
- Employment paycheck stubs
- Deeds
- Stocks and bonds
- Savings and checking account books
- Documentation of valuables
(video or photo documentation will facilitate insurance claims)
- Wills
- Health history, allergies, blood types
- Recent photos of family members
for identification purposes