You’re already a great planner! Every day you get your homework done, get to music or sports practice on time, and plan where and when you’ll meet up with your friends. Are you ready to put your planning skills to good use? Are you ready to help your family get prepared for the unexpected?

It’s simple! It just takes planning and practice and these fun coloring and activity pages from Ready Kids will help. Together with Rex, the Ready Kids mountain lion mascot and his family, you will learn how to make an emergency supply kit, a family emergency plan, and be ready for many different kinds of unexpected situations.

You and your family can learn even more about preparing for the unexpected by visiting the Ready Kids website at www.ready.gov. Log on with your parents and click on Ready Kids to find easy steps that will help your family be ready!
Dad, remember you promised, today I could help make our family’s emergency supply kit!

Sure! Let’s gather all the items on the Family Supply List and then review what special items our family should include!

I’ll read you the list! First, a radio, flashlight, and two sets of batteries for each!

I’ll make one for my family too!

Two lightning bugs!

I’ll make one for my family too!

Now we need a three-day supply of food and three gallons of water for each family member.

And a can opener! Thanks Mom!

Can’t forget pet food! This should keep me fed for a while!

Now we need a complete change of clothing for each of us!

And a first aid kit, which Hector has already found.

And a fire kit, which Hector has already found.

Can’t forget the fun stuff! My favorite game, CD player and CD’s, batteries, books, magazines... How about you, Hector?

Let’s see... A picture of cousin Woody, my bug collection, a deck of cards, the latest issue of “Bird’s Life” magazine...

Just kidding! All I need is my backpack!

I think we’re ready for our final check! What do you think, Dad do we have everything we need in our family’s emergency supply kit?

Excellent! It’s all here! Flashlight, radio, food and water, clothing, books, First Aid kit, pet food and fun stuff! Even a copy of “Bird’s Life”!

How did that get in there?

Double check! We need!
Mom, Dad! At school today we did a fire drill and talked about an emergency plan! Do we have an emergency plan for home?

Come inside and let's go over our home plan too.

We asked Grandpa Cougie in Florida to be our out-of-town contact. That way he can tell everyone we are safe!

I love plans but how do we get in touch with each other?

I do have a cousin Buzz in California!

When you make a call, you may have to be patient getting through. You might have to keep trying.

I keep a copy of contact numbers and where to meet with me at all times.

Once you get through, keep calls short so others can call too! That rules out Polly. Parrots talk too much anyway!

We need two meeting places that are easy to find... one near the house... The 'Lookout'! Aunt Clawdia's!... and one outside the neighborhood.

Yes, we need to make them part of our plan. Also, let's make sure we have plenty of food and water for them in our supply kit.

What about our pets?

Speaking of which, let's check our supply kit and make sure we have everything we need.

First... Practice! LET'S GO!

So... now what? I think first, you should try opening the door!

Very funny!

CHECK! It's all in here!

Emergency Preparedness Crossword Puzzle

Across:
2. _______ light: A handy tool to have if the lights go out!
4. Every person needs one gallon of this per day!
6. This comfortable piece of furniture should not be part of a family’s supply kit.
8. Furry family members that should be part of your preparedness plan.
9. Some people have a _______ between meals if they are hungry.
10. You might find water, a flashlight, or a whistle in an emergency supply _______.
11. Fun items that families can play together.

Down:
1. Families can create a communication _______ so that they know where to meet and whom to call during an emergency.
3. _______ bag: Great for napping or keeping warm.
5. Every family member should carry a contact list with at least _______ different phone numbers that will allow you to keep in touch during an emergency.
7. It’s important to get the _______ about different kinds of emergencies, so that you know what to expect.
9. Keep an extra pair of these in your supply kit to keep your feet dry!
Family Outing

Emergency Preparedness Word Search

Words to Find:
- BACKPACK
- CALM
- FAMILY PLAN
- LISTEN
- MEETING PLACE
- PHONE
- RADIO
- SAFETY
- SUPPLY KIT
Rex

Mom, Dad! Wait 'till you hear what I learned today in Geography class! We discussed all the weather-related emergencies such as hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes and even blizzards!

You already know how preparing for an emergency is very important! We have discussed our Family Communication Plan!

And we have assembled a Family Supply Kit!

I have an idea... But what if something happens when I am at school or practice? Our meeting place outside the neighborhood is Aunt Claudia's if you cannot get home.

While you are at school, remember to stay calm and listen to directions of your teachers and principal. You should always keep contacts and meeting place information ready in your backpack.

And if we need to leave home quickly, we have a portable supply kit ready to grab!

I have a surprise! Follow me!

Where is Hector taking us?

But there is ONE weather condition you have not prepared for! What's that? A sunny day! A picnic! Hector, what a nice surprise! You really ARE prepared!
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