

Home Hazard Hunt

During a disaster, ordinary objects in your home can cause injury or damage. Anything that can move, fall, break or cause a fire is a home hazard. For example, a hot water heater, a bookshelf or a TV can fall. Inspect your home at least once a year and fix potential hazards. Usually this means attaching tall or heavy objects to the wall, removing dangerous items from a high shelf and taking a critical eye to lamps, electrical outlets extension cords, etc.

This can be a fun activity to do with your children as you check each room and closet in your home and garage.

And while you are at it:

- Stock emergency supplies and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit.
- Take a Red Cross first aid and CPR class.
- Determine the best escape routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room.
- Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster.
- Practice and Maintain Your Plan
- Quiz your kids every six months so they remember what to do.
- Conduct fire and emergency evacuation drills.
- Replace non-commercial stored water every six months and stored food every twelve months. Commercial bottled water will last for up to 5 years
- Test and recharge your fire extinguisher(s) according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Test your smoke detectors monthly and change the batteries at least once a year