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Emergency Management in any community is an ongoing process and does not only happen when we are coping with an emergency. Recovery from an emergency is much quicker and more effective if our response is planned and prepared.

The main threats for residents in Alpine Shire are fire, flood, heatwave and landslip.

STEP 1. Develop an Emergency Plan:
Involve all household members in developing an emergency plan so that everyone will know:
• What are the potential risks and impacts
• What to do to prepare
• How to stay in contact with each other
• Who to contact in an emergency, and
• Actions to take in an emergency.

STEP 2. Prepare an Emergency Kit:
Your Emergency Kit should include provisions for your essential needs in the event of an emergency. Include items that you would require if essential services, such as power and water supplies were disrupted for several days.

Keep your kit in a waterproof storage container and store in an easy to access location.

Keep your kit every three months to stock up and rotate supplies to ensure provisions are fresh and safe to use.

Your kit should include:
• Food and water for at least three days including can opener, cutlery and cooking equipment
• Medical and sanitation supplies
• Light – do not forget extra batteries
• Communications - include batteries and mobile phone chargers
• Clothing and footwear – do not forget gloves and hats
• Important documents – insurance papers, wills, birth and marriage certificates, contact phone numbers, medicare numbers etc.

STEP 3. Prepare Your Home:
Your house should ALWAYS be prepared for an emergency.

Ensure your home, contents and car insurance are current and adequate

Identify where and how to turn off the main supply for water, power and gas

• Maintain your home:
  • Check the condition of your roof, repair loose tiles, eaves and roof screws
  • Keep gutters and downpipes clear so water can drain away quickly
  • Trim trees and overhanging branches close to the house (care of any overhead powerlines)
  • Check and fix any corrosion, rotten timber, termite infestations and loose fittings
  • Be able to secure loose items around your property and garden

For more information visit:

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