

BE AWARE. PREPARE. SURVIVE AN EMERGENCY.

MY DIABETES EMERGENCY PLAN



THIS PLAN HELPS YOU MANAGE YOUR DIABETES IN AN EMERGENCY

Stress in an emergency or a natural disaster can raise or lower blood glucose to dangerous levels. There may be no medication or food available, and no way of getting medical help.

A **Diabetes Emergency Plan** helps you to self-manage your diabetes before, during and after an emergency. Planning ahead reduces the risk of diabetes-related infections and life-threatening situations.

This plan also lists important things to put in a **Diabetes Emergency Kit** to help you survive.

Keep this plan and your emergency kit together in a safe place and keep them up to date.

EMERGENCY KIT CHECKLIST

Prepare a portable, insulated diabetes emergency kit to take with you if you need to leave at short notice. It should contain the following:

Important documents

- A list of your medical and surgery history
- A letter from your diabetes healthcare provider on your diabetes medication regimen
- A copy of your sick day action plan
- A copy of this completed plan

CHECK THE EXPIRY DATE of your supplies **UPDATE THIS PLAN** at the start of every season.

General medical supplies

- A 14 day supply of your prescription medication
- Non-prescription drugs such as aspirin, panadol, antacid, vitamins, or any others that you buy and use from over the counter
- A 3 day supply of bottled water per person
- A cooler bag with 4 refreezeable cool packs or FRIO packs

Diabetes specific medical supplies (depending on your regular diabetes management)

- A 14 day supply of your insulin and syringes or insulin pens
- Blood glucose testing supplies, blood glucose monitor and extra batteries, lancets and lancet device
- Empty sharps container
- Urine or blood ketone testing strips
- Hypoglycaemia kit containing jelly beans, glucose tablets, cans of sweet soft drink, glucagon kit, a supply of non-perishable foods (For example peanut butter, crackers, meal replacement shakes or bars)
- Cotton balls and tissues
- Alcohol swabs
- A pen and a notebook to record blood glucose levels

Additional items for those on insulin pump therapy

- Insulin pump settings and passwords
- Insulin pump cannulas (sites) and reservoirs
- A 14 day supply of syringes or insulin pens - in case of damage to your pump
- Spare batteries for insulin pump

Please refer to your state and territory fire and emergency services agency for a list of additional items to include in your emergency kit.

OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS FOR YOUR EMERGENCY KIT

- Torch and extra batteries
- Lighter and candles
- Handheld radio
- First aid kit
- Whistle
- Spare socks
- Mobile phone and extra charger
- Protective clothing
- Heavy duty gloves
- Protective eye wear
- Protective shoes

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