

## Ready Get Go Bags

Ready Get Go bags help people prepare for emergencies. The bags are lightweight, easy to use if you need to leave your home in a hurry.

## Being Prepared

Emergencies can happen anywhere and anytime. It is important to be prepared.

Types of emergencies can be:

- fire
- flood
- storm
- medical
- accidents

When an emergency occurs, it can be hard to stay calm and remember things.

Developing your own emergency plan can help prepare and protect you and your family in emergency situations.



## Emergency preparedness kits

To support the community in increasing emergency resilience, council developed a range of resources to help prepare for an emergency. These resources are also available in accessible format to download and print by clicking on the links below.

1. [Emergency preparedness booklet](#): tips on how to be prepared, including checking insurance is up to date. Other emergency resources such as the Vic Emergency App and links for more information.
2. [Emergency plan template](#): a guide to store important information to be prepared in case of an emergency. The whole family can be included in the development of the plan and should be checked twice a year. The template has information about:
  - o details of where will meet
  - o where you would go
  - o important contacts
  - o medical information and
  - o insurance details.
3. [Contacts sheet](#): list of official communication channels and service contacts during an emergency.
4. [Checklist](#): a list of items to consider ready in a box or the bag to be prepared to take at short notice.

## Communication Aids

Communication aids to use with the Ready Get Go bags are available. These include:

- Communication cards: flip cards with clear and simple messaging.
- Communication board: visual aid for communication.
- Personal information form: to communicate needs like food, drink, medications.
- Personal introduction card: card to give to emergency services for shared understanding of your needs.



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Council is proud to have worked with Officer Specialist School in putting together Ready Get Go bags with additional resources for vulnerable members of our community.

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Emergency Preparedness kits, Ready Get Go bags and communication aids are available upon request [emergency@cardinia.vic.gov.au](mailto:emergency@cardinia.vic.gov.au)

Emergency Preparedness kits and templates are available for download and print in accessible format from the [Cardinia Shire Website](#).