

Emergency checklist

Easy Read information for you



The Cardinia Shire wrote this checklist.
When you see the word 'we', it means the
Cardinia Shire.



We wrote this checklist in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.



You can ask for help to read this checklist.
A friend, family member or support person
may be able to help you.

What is an emergency?



An emergency is a dangerous situation that we don't expect to happen.

An emergency can also put your health and safety at risk.

In Cardinia Shire, we might have:



- bushfires



- big storms and floods



- blackouts – when you lose electricity.



It's important you stay safe during an emergency.



We have a checklist you can use to work out what you should take with you in an emergency.

What should you take in an emergency?



There are some items you should take with you in an emergency.



You can tick the box next to the item that you want to take with you.



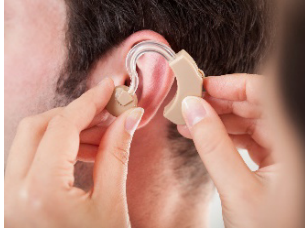
- ☐ Your emergency plan – a plan of what to do in an emergency.
This includes a list of important contacts.



- ☐ Important documents or information you have.
For example, your passport or information on a USB stick.



- ☐ Your medicine and a first aid kit.



- ☐ Aids and equipment you use.

For example, a walking frame or hearing aids.



- ☐ Items your children might need.

For example, toys or medicine they take.



- ☐ Items your pets might need.

For example, toys or pet food.



- ☐ Your mobile phone and charger.



- ☐ Important personal items you might have.

For example, your wallet and jewellery.



- ☐ Food and drink that are easy to take.

For example, a piece of fruit or water bottle.



- ☐ A radio and torches.



- ☐ Clothes that will keep you safe.

For example, a pair of hiking boots.



- ☐ Other clothes and toiletries.

What else should you take with you?

You should think about what other items you might need for your:



- family members with health problems



- family members with disability



- children



- pets.

What if you have children?



If you have children, you should take:

- any medicine they need
- medical records.

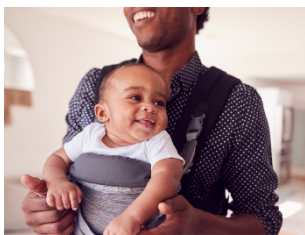
You should also take:



- nappies



- bottles and baby formula



- a carrier – something to hold your baby close to your chest



- things they like to use, like a toy or blanket.

What if you have pets?

If you have pets, you should take:



- transport, like a cage or leash



- food and water, including their bowls



- things they like to use, like a toy or treat.

You should also take:



- any medicine they need



- their records, including records from the vet.

What are items people feel bad about leaving behind?



There are some items people wish they had with them when they leave during an emergency.

Some of these items can be useful in an emergency like:



- a mobile phone



- passports and other important documents.

There are also some things that:



- are important to you and your family

but



- won't help in an emergency.

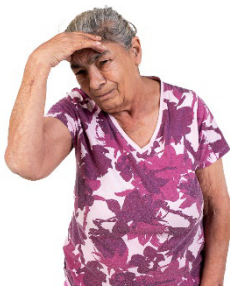
These items might be:



- personal stories and diaries



- family photos.



Some people might feel bad when they leave these things behind.

Contact us



You can contact us for more information about emergencies in Cardinia Shire.



You can call us.

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You can send us an email.

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You can visit our website.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au



You can also visit the Emergency Prepare website for more information.

www.emergencyprepare.com.au



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