

# ★ The Episcopal Diocese of Texas

## Disaster Preparedness for Congregations: *Pocket Prep Resource*



### (1) PEOPLE

- [a] Who do we worry about the most?
- [b] How do we keep track of their contact info?  
Before, during, and/or after a disaster:
- [c] How will we share accurate situational info?
- [d] Who can help with communications?

**TIP:** Sign up for emergency alerts. (*ex: local emergency management; city; Nat'l Weather Service*)  
Keep them active all year.  
Encourage others to do the same.

See <https://www.epicenter-prepare.org/stay-informed>

- [e] How can we help our people do some preparedness?

Resource: <https://www.ready.gov/>

Resource: <https://www.epicenter-prepare.org/family-prep>

Resource: Stacy Stringer, [sstringer@epicenter.org](mailto:sstringer@epicenter.org)

### (2) MITIGATION

- [a] What kinds of disasters have we experienced?
- [b] What are some of our learnings?
- [c] What kind of disasters are we most concerned about?  
Our answer helps us determine what to prioritize.

(See **★ GO DEEPER** next page.)

### (3) PROPERTY / FACILITIES

- [a] Where is our property insurance policy stored?
- [b] When does it get renewed?
- [c] Are we current?

**TIP:** Have your policy # and contact info easily accessible.

- [d] Where is this stored for quick access?

**TIP:** A property inventory is the gold standard, but you could begin by storing photos of your facilities and physical assets in the cloud.

- [e] Where do we store utility contact and account info?
- [f] What else comes to mind about property protection?

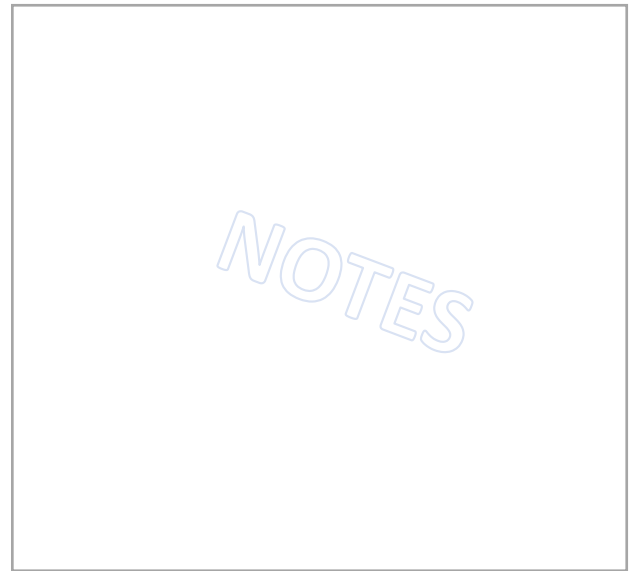
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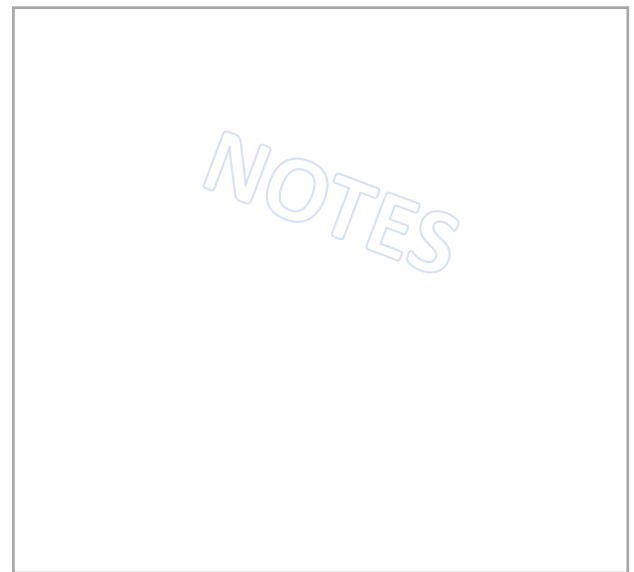
#### (4) RECORDS & DATA SAFEGUARDING

- [a] What kind of data must we NOT lose in a disaster?  
What is irreplaceable?
- [b] What might we need access to?
- [c] How secure is our vital data? Is it in “the cloud?”
- [d] Where might we temporarily move vital physical records if our property might be damaged?
- [e] Where is our secure passwords list?
- [f] What else comes to mind?



#### (5) COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- [a] Who are our vulnerable neighbors?
- [b] Who are our community partners? Coalitions?
- [c] Who among us has strong community relationships?  
*ex: with local gov't., local social services agency*
- [d] What assets can we share with the wider community during or after the event?  
*ex: People trained in Mental Health First Aid who can listen*  
*ex: Community meals or other hospitality*  
*ex: Electricity to charge cell phones*



★ **FUNDING RESOURCE** through our partnership with Episcopal Relief & Development: EDOT Community outreach preparedness grants to assist highly vulnerable community members. Contact: Stacy Stringer.

#### ★ GO DEEPER

##### More Resources

For congregations & families.

[www.epicenter-prepare.org](http://www.epicenter-prepare.org)



##### The BIG Prep Workbook

Choose which sections to use.

<https://www.epicenter-prepare.org/prep-workbook>



##### This Document

Pocket Prep.

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