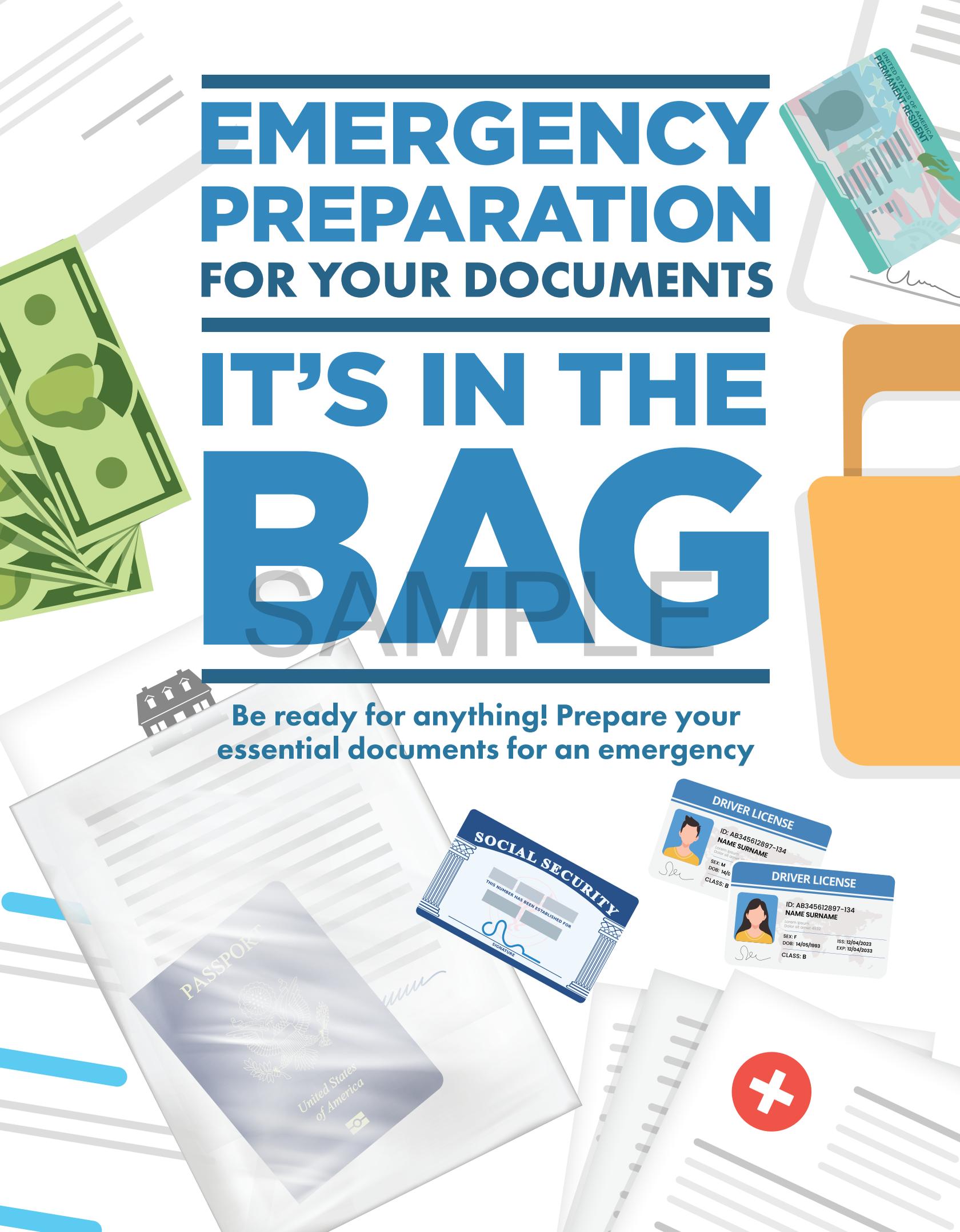


# EMERGENCY PREPARATION FOR YOUR DOCUMENTS

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Be ready for anything! Prepare your essential documents for an emergency



# BUILDING AN EMERGENCY KIT FOR IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

In an emergency, you may not have time to pull together all your essential documents. So get prepared now! Collect your family's important paperwork in a waterproof container so you'll be ready, just in case. Here are some checklists to get you started.

## IDENTIFICATION

Having proper identification for yourself and your family is important after an emergency, and you may need it to apply for FEMA disaster assistance. Make photocopies or digital scans as backups.

Your family's IDs may include:

- Driver's licenses or non-driver IDs
- Passports
- Green cards
- Military IDs
- Social Security cards

## MEDICAL

Keeping records of your family's medical history will help to ensure that care isn't interrupted during an emergency.

Your family's medical papers may include:

- Physician/pediatrician contact info
- Health insurance ID cards
- Pharmacy ID cards
- Immunization records
- List of prescriptions
- Caregiver contact info
- Disabilities documentation

## FINANCIAL

Having your financial records in a safe place will help you recover after an emergency. You'll need insurance information to file claims, and you may need to show proof of income if you apply for disaster assistance.

Your family's records may include:

- Insurance policies
- Tax returns
- Estate planning documents
- Bank statements (checking, savings)
- Retirement account statements

## HOUSING

You may require proof of housing to receive federal disaster assistance. Please note: In the event of an emergency or disaster, you are still responsible for making mortgage payments regardless of the condition of your house or whether you can live in it.

Your family's documents may include:

- Lease or rental agreement
- Mortgage statements
- Property tax forms
- Home or rental insurance policies
- Utility bills