

## BE Prepared: Home Records Preparation

If you need to leave your home in an emergency and are not able to return, what kinds of information might you need? For some, this is hard to even imagine. However when you head out the door to leave the path of a tornado, you don't know what you will be coming back to. Make sure you have copies of the following items in your "Go Kit". You may have the information in paper copies or on a USB. Or you may simply store these items with your "Go Kit". This information will allow you to access your medical, financial, and insurance needs.

- Health History for each family member, including current prescriptions, drug allergies, and immunization records
- Medical insurance policies and contact information
- Physicians' addresses and phone numbers, especially specialty physicians
- Information on any equipment or life-saving devices you use
- Copies of Birth Certificates, Social Security Cards, Citizenship Papers, and Passports
- Copies of Driver's License, Marriage Licenses, Divorce Records, Wills, Powers of Attorney
- Income records, including government benefits, child support, and alimony
- Household insurance policies and contact information (auto/property/life)
- Income tax returns and property tax statements
- Bank Account numbers and who has access to which accounts
- Investment/retirement account records
- Mortgage statement or lease
- Vehicle registration / ownership records
- Utility phone numbers and addresses
- Copies of credit cards or credit card numbers and payment addresses
- Work and home phone numbers of employers
- Address and phone numbers of family and friends that you will want to contact
- Address and phone numbers of Day Care Providers, Adult Care Providers and Nursing Homes, as necessary

For more information on keeping your family safe and healthy, call Aitkin County Health & Human Services at 927-7200 or 800-328-3744 or visit [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) or [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov).