

Household Emergency Kit



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What is "Household Emergency Kit"?

Emergency Kit for Household is a box/container that contains the Tools, Equipment and Accessories (TEA) to be used during emergency at household level. All the family members should be aware of it, and at least the adults should know how to operate the TEAs kept inside the Kit. The items recommended for this kit are only for light search and rescue. Hence other survival items for emergency e.g. medical, food and clothing etc., are recommended to keep in individual earthquake "Go Bag".

Where should we keep it?

The best location for kit is within the building compound, in a safe location and accessible to all family members.

What should it contain?

We cannot put everything in the kit, however we can prioritize the items those are very important during and after an earthquake to operate light search and rescue within the family.

Following is the list of items of Household Emergency kit:

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Personal Protective Equipment		
1	<p>Dust mask</p> 	<p>This is also recommended in individual "Go Bag". However, due to small in size and very important for health during LSAR, it is recommended also in this kit. Keep some dusts masks in your kit.</p>
2	<p>Working Gloves</p> 	<p>These will help you to protect hands from broken glass, rusty metal, and other sharp objects, especially while working with debris or sharp objects.</p>
3	<p>Helmet</p> 	<p>The head injury could create serious problem. Therefore to avoid head injury during emergency due to falling objects and debris, keep some helmets, which helps to protect you also from rain and sun.</p>
4	<p>Safety boots</p> 	<p>To protect feet from broken glass, exposed nails, water, creatures, dirt, and debris etc. (assumed such boots are in place in houses).</p>

Tools, Equipment and Accessories (TEAs)

5	Headlamp & extra batteries 	This is also recommended in individual "Go Bag". However, this is very important during LSAR, if it is dark. Instead of using a regular flashlight, it is recommended a headlamp. It will free up your hands.
6	Nails 	To join wood members together
7	Tin snips 	Cutting light-gauge sheet metal or mesh
8	Screwdriver 	To fasten and loosen screws

<p>9</p>	<p>Adjustable wrench</p> 	<p>To tighten or loosen nuts and bolts</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Big Knife (Khukuri)</p> 	<p>To cut light materials e.g woods.</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Flathead axe</p> 	<p>Cutting lumber or as a striking tool</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Mallet</p> 	<p>To break concrete, stones and drive stakes</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Hammer</p> 	<p>Drive, pull or pull nails</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Shovel</p> 	<p>Moving debris</p>

<p>15</p>	<p>Pick mattock</p> 	<p>Digging, loosening dirt or debris</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Hacksaw and extra blades</p> 	<p>For cutting metal, bolts etc.</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>Hand saw</p> 	<p>Cutting woods</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>Hoe (Kodalo)</p> 	<p>Digging, moving mud and debris</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Rope</p> 	<p>To secure objects, to raise and lower tools</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>Pry bar</p> 	<p>To align, adjust, move and pry the heavy objects.</p>

21	<p>Thread and needle</p> 	To stitch something e.g. teared clothes during emergency
22	<p>Blanket</p> 	For the provision of Stretcher and keeping the victim warm
23	<p>Container</p> 	To store the LSAR TEAs
24	<p>Bucket</p> 	To carry small hand tools, collection/removal of light debris.

Note

We advise to use your intelligence and skill, which are your best asset. The above items are based on our knowledge and adaptation from experiences of different events in the past.

Some more protective and response items could be added based on environment, household size, skills and personal judgment.