

DOCUMENTS & VALUABLES

COLLECTION & SAFE STORAGE



In a disaster, the services you depend on to serve your financial needs may not be available for some time, which could have an effect on your ability to purchase things like groceries, fuel, and other critical supplies. When an emergency occurs, it should be simple to obtain rapid access to financial, insurance, medical and other records.

HOUSEHOLD IDENTIFICATION

Think about the documents you would need to identify yourself and your household members, including children and pets, your relationships, or status. These may include:

- Driver's license, passports, and green cards**
Tip: Photocopy front and back of all your forms of ID
- Birth, adoption, death, marriage and divorce certificates**
To obtain copies: [New York STATE](#) (except NYC)
To obtain copies: [New York CITY](#) (small fee may apply)
- Social security cards**
For a new or replacement card contact the Social Security Administration (800) 772-1213
- Military ID and discharge records**
Keep copies of military discharge form DD 214
[U.S. National Archives & Records Administration](#): (866) 272-6272
- Naturalization documents**
Only acceptable proof of citizenship for individuals not born in the U.S. For more information: www.uscis.gov
- Pet ID, tags, ownership papers and microchip information**
Keep copy of ID tag numbers and microchip account information
Keep a current photograph of your pet

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IDENTIFICATION

If your home or income is impacted by a disaster, you will need documentation to request assistance from insurance providers and from government disaster assistance programs.

- House information: mortgage, deed, home equity line of credit, lease and rental agreement
- Vehicle information: loan documents, VIN, registration & title
- Other financial obligations: utility bills, credit cards, student loans, elder car and automatic payments
- Financial accounts: checking, savings, debit cards, retirement accounts, and investment accounts
- Insurance policies: homeowners, renters, auto, life, flood, appraisals, photos and lists of valuable items
- Estate planning: wills, trusts, & power of attorney documents
- Tax documents: federal and state, property and vehicles

MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION

- Health and dental insurance, Medicare, Medicaid & VA benefits
- Medication list, immunizations, allergies, prescriptions, medical equipment, and pharmacy information
- Contact information for doctors/specialists, dentists, pediatricians and veterinarians

SAFEGUARD THIS INFORMATION

Once you have gathered your financial, legal, and contact information, it is essential to safeguard this information.

- Store paper copies at home in a fireproof and waterproof box or safe, in a safe deposit box, or with a trusted friend/relative.
- Store electronic copies in a password-protected format on a removable flash or external hard drive in your waterproof and fireproof box or safe or on a secure cloud-based service.

