



Preparedness Questionnaire

This questionnaire is designed to measure the level of emergency preparedness in the XXX community. We want to find out how prepared our people are, how we can best communicate with each other, and how to bring about changes that help people take greater responsibility for their own preparedness and survival in an emergency.

All information you provide will remain strictly confidential at all times. No information will be collected or reported that may identify you personally. The questionnaire should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

Thank you for participating in the U-4-72 Project.

SECTION A: ABOUT YOU

Please provide some information about yourself. You do not need to provide any information that would identify you personally.

A1. Gender (please tick one box below)

(please tick one box below)

₁ Male

₂ Female

A2. Your age

(please tick one box below)

₁ 18 to 24 years

₄ 46 to 55 years

₇ 76 to 85 years

₂ 25 to 35 years

₅ 56 to 65 years

₈ 85 years or over

₃ 36 to 45 years

₆ 66 to 75 years

A3. In your home, your living arrangement is best described as...

(please tick one box below)

₁ Living with family members

₂ Living in shared accommodation

₃ Living alone

A4. Are there children under the age of 18 years living in your home?

(please tick one box below)

₁ Yes

₂ No

A5. Which suburb/locality is your home in?

(please tick one box below)

₁ XX

₅ XX

₉ XX

₂ XX

₆ XX

₁₀ XX

₃ XX

₇ XX

₄ XX

₈ XX

₁₁ Other (please write) _____

A6. Which best describes your job status?

(please tick one or more boxes below)

₁ Work full-time

₂ Work part-time

₃ At home caring for family member/s (e.g. young children, person with special needs)

₄ Student

₅ Unemployed

₆ Retired

₇ Other

A7. Do you speak a language other than English at home?

(please tick one box below)

₁ No, English only

₂ Yes (please write which language/s) _____

SECTION B: HOW YOU WOULD HANDLE A DISASTER TOMORROW

Please indicate how you think you would handle the disasters described in the left hand column of the table below, if they were to occur tomorrow. Use the scale provided and circle the number (from 1 to 5) that represents the statement that would best finish the sentence for you.

	1	2	3	4	5
	I don't know how I'd handle it, because I've never really thought about being in this situation.	I'd be fine, because I'd call the emergency services, and they would come quickly and handle it for me.	I wouldn't handle it well, because I know there are lots of things I haven't done yet and still need to know about this situation.	I would handle it well, but I know there are a few things I still need to do and know about this situation.	I would handle it very well, because I'm ready for this and I know exactly what to do in this situation.
B1. If a natural disaster (e.g. tornado, flood, earthquake, cyclone, or bushfire) struck tomorrow where I live...	1	2	3	4	5
B2. If essential lifeline services (e.g. power, gas, water, roads) were cut tomorrow to the area where I live for 3 days or more...	1	2	3	4	5
B3. If a severe human disease outbreak occurred in my area tomorrow...	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION C: ABOUT YOUR STATE OF PREPAREDNESS

Please indicate whether you have done the following by circling 'yes' or 'no' for each item. You may choose 'N/A' (not applicable) for some items, but only for question C6, C7 and C8.

		Please circle one of the responses below		
C1. I know which disasters are most likely to happen in my area of XX, and I know what actions I should take for each of these during an emergency.		No	Yes	
C2. I have an emergency evacuation plan in place that I/we can follow if needed to evacuate my home.		No	Yes	
C3. I have an emergency supply in my home that will keep me going for at least 3 days (72 hours), without the need for outside supplies.		No	Yes	
My emergency supply includes: (only answer if you circled 'yes' for C3.)	a. food for at least 3 days	No	Yes	
	b. drinking water for at least 3 days	No	Yes	
	c. a torch with charged batteries	No	Yes	
	d. a battery operated/solar powered radio	No	Yes	
	e. spare batteries	No	Yes	
	f. a first aid kit	No	Yes	
	g. medications needed by my family	No	Yes	
C4. I have an emergency ready Go kit at home that I can take with me if I have to leave quickly.		No	Yes	
C5. I have copies of my personal identification and important documents ready to take with me if I need to leave home (photocopies or digital storage device).		No	Yes	
C6. In the last year, I have made or updated a specific plan for how my family will communicate in an emergency situation if we are separated.		No	Yes	N/A
C7. I have phone numbers for all my key contacts saved (in my mobile phone, on me).		No	Yes	N/A
C8. I have a car charger for my mobile phone.		No	Yes	N/A
C9. I know how to find the emergency broadcasting channel on the radio.		No	Yes	
C10. I have taken first aid and CPR training in the last 5 years.		No	Yes	

C11. Which statement below best represents your overall current state of preparedness?

(Please circle the number below that best represents your current state of preparedness)

1	2	3	4	5
I'm not prepared at all and I don't plan on doing anything about preparing in the near future.	I have not prepared yet, but I intend to start preparing in the near future.	I have just recently started preparing.	I am quite prepared already, but there's still a bit for me to do.	I have been fully prepared for at least the past 6 months.

C12. In your opinion, what would be the three most effective things the <your agency> could do to encourage you to become more prepared for emergencies?

Think of your three biggest barriers to getting more prepared, and how <your agency> could help you overcome these. Then write your responses in the spaces below.

1.

2.

3.

C13. In order of priority, what type of events (natural or man-made disaster) do you consider would have the most adverse affect on the XXX community?

Once you have written down the top three in the left hand column (number one being the event that you think would have the most adverse effect), please circle the number to the right that represents your predication of the likelihood of this event happening (unlikely, possible, likely).

	Unlikely	Possible	Likely
1.	1	2	3
2.	1	2	3
3.	1	2	3

SECTION D: COMMUNICATION

D1. If you wanted to get hold of some information on how to get prepared for an emergency or disaster, what would be the TOP 5 BEST WAYS for an official organisation to make it available to you? (We mean before a disaster happens...while the situation is normal)

Please give a score of '1' to the best way to make the information available to you, then a '2' to the second best way, then a '3' to the third best way, and so on until you have your top five allocated. Please use the shaded right hand column to write your number preference.

For example, if the very best way to get information to you is via email, write the number '1' in the shaded box to the right of "2. Email". You can only allocate each number from 1 to 5 once, and you should only have 5 numbers listed in the right hand column when you're done.

	Number Preference
1. Australia Post mail	
2. Email	
3. Via an internet website (<i>write which one:</i>)	
4. Through my Facebook page	
5. Via a Twitter message	
6. TV broadcasts (<i>write which station:</i>)	
7. Radio broadcasts (<i>write which station/channel:</i>)	
8. In local newspapers	
9. Via a mobile phone text message	
10. At my workplace	
11. Via information bulletin boards in public places like libraries	
12. At my child's school	
13. At my place of worship	
14. At my sporting club	
15. Other	
16. Other	

D2. If a disaster was happening in XXX, what are the TOP FIVE INFORMATION SOURCES you would go to to get some information on what was going on, and what you need to do?

Please give a score of '1' to the first place/person you would seek information from, then a '2' to the second place/person you'd go to, if your first choice wasn't available, then a '3' to the third place/person, and so on until you have your top 5 information sources allocated. Please use the shaded right hand column to write your number preference.

For example, if the first place/person you'd go to get information is your sister, write the number '1' in the shaded box to the right of "1. A family member". You can only allocate each number from 1 to 5 once, and you should only have 5 numbers listed in the right hand column when you're done.

	Number Preference
1. A family member	
2. A friend of mine who always knows what's going on	
3. A person I know who works in the emergency services	
4. My neighbour	
5. The <your agency>	
6. An internet website (<i>write which one:</i>)	
7. My Facebook page	
8. My Twitter account	
9. TV broadcasts (<i>write which station:</i>)	
10. Radio broadcasts (<i>write which station/channel:</i>)	
11. Local newspapers	
12. My workplace	
13. Information bulletin boards in public places like libraries	
14. My child's school	
15. My place of worship	
16. My sporting club	
17. Other	
18. Other	

D3. IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN AT CHILDCARE OR SCHOOL: Are you aware of the details of the emergency or evacuation plan of your child/ren’s childcare or school, including where your child will be evacuated to, and how you could get information about them?

(Please tick only one box below)

₁ No

₂ Yes

₃ N/A

SECTION E: ABOUT YOUR LEVEL OF INSURANCE

E1. Please circle the number above the statement below that best describes your current insurance situation

1	2	3	4	5
I do not have home and contents insurance, and I don't plan on getting any at this stage.	I do not have home and contents insurance yet, but I definitely intend to get some in the very near future.	I have home and contents insurance, but I don't check it regularly and I'm probably underinsured. I don't know if my insurance covers fire, flood or storms.	I have pretty good home and contents insurance and I don't think I'm underinsured. I think I'm covered for fire, flood and storms, but I'm not 100% sure.	I have comprehensive home and contents insurance, which I review on a regular basis and update when needed. I am definitely not underinsured and I am definitely covered for fire, flood and storms.

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey.
If you have an questions or comments about this survey, please contact XXX on XXX

Please give this section to your U-4-72 facilitator

TO JOIN U-4-72 ON FACEBOOK OR TWITTER

If you would like to join our U-4-72 Facebook Group or our U-4-72 Twitter List, please provide us with your details below:

Your Name: _____

Email address: _____

Mobile phone no.: _____

Why join the U-4-72 Facebook Group and Twitter List?

The U-4-72 Team can provide you with all the latest updates on disaster preparedness and answer any questions you may have about emergency management at home. We can send you reminders about restocking your home emergency supplies and “go pack” and inform you of the latest products on the market that can help you take care of yourself for at least 72 hours in the event of an emergency or disaster. You can also share your ideas and information with other people who are interested in getting ready.

Another great benefit of joining is that you will receive real time emergency warnings and instructions from <your agency’s> emergency management team, should we be faced with an emergency or disaster.

By keeping in touch, we can all help each other to be ready.