

# EVACUATION

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<http://www.preparingforemergencies.gov.uk/>

Sometimes incidents like flooding or chemical leaks will mean you have to leave your house in a hurry or you may not be able to return to your house.

If this is the case your local emergency planning department will probably set up an emergency rest centre to provide basic shelter for those affected by the incident.

You will need to secure your home properly and follow the directions from the emergency services.

# STAY IN

Sometimes emergency incidents will mean it is safer to stay inside your home - you have to go in, stay in and tune in.

If this is the case, think about keeping a supply of bottled water and tinned food in case you need to stay indoors for a few days.

# GRAB BAG

Whether you need to evacuate or stay in your home you should prepare a grab bag with the essentials you will need – these include:

A Torch with spare batteries

A wind-up or battery powered radio

Bottled water

Mobile Phone with charger

Money and bank cards

Any medication or tablets you need

Home and car keys

Insurance documents

Essential 'phone numbers – family, friends, emergency services, utility companies.

Basic Toiletries

First Aid kit