

## Safes, Smoke Alarms, Fire Extinguishers, and Power Outages Tricks and Tips

### Safes-

- 1- Be sure that all important items are placed in a safe at home or a safety deposit box at your bank.
- 2- If your safe is at home make sure that the safe is fire proof.
- 3- If your safe is battery operated, make sure you have a generator or some way to supply power to your safe if needed in a power failure.

#### TIPS

- Make sure all items in your safe have been insured.

### Smoke Alarms-

- 1- Double check that you have a functioning smoke alarm in every room of your home.
- 2- Test each Smoke Alarm Monthly (Add it to your calendar so you are reminded to check)
- 3- Install a carbon monoxide alarm in your home, preferably by your furnace.

#### TIPS

- Change your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms once a year.
- Store extra batteries.

### Fire Extinguishers-

- 1- Place a fire extinguisher on every level of your home and in the garage.
- 2- Purchase fire extinguishers with an ABC rating and regularly check pressure gauge
- 3- Learn how to properly operate a fire extinguisher

#### TIPS

- P.A.S.S (Pull the pin, Aim at the base of the fire, Squeeze the trigger, Sweep across the fire)

### Power outage-

- 1- Store flashlights or lanterns with extra batteries and / or fuel.
- 2- Store a standard corded telephone or solar charger for your cell phone (cordless phones require electricity).
- 3- Store a solar powered, hand-cranking, or battery operated radio.
- 4- Have cash available as ATM machines may not be functioning.
- 5- Protect electronic equipment with a surge protector.
- 6- Back up computer files and other important information on a regular basis.
- 7- Learn how to manually open your garage door.
- 8- Learn how to stay warm or cool without electricity.
- 9- Learn ways to prepare and cook food without electricity.

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## TIPS

- You can purchase small rechargeable lights that are stored in outlets and automatically turn on when the power goes out.
- If you rely on your garage door opener as an entrance to your home, have a house key available outside your home.
- Consider alternatives to electricity such as solar power, generators, etc.
- Purchase a manual can opener.
- Fill the empty space in your freezer with plastic containers full of water. In a power outage your food will stay colder longer.