

Welcome to this week's Educational Moment. Tonight, we're highlighting Family Emergency Plans. Last week's Ed Moment focused on 3-day Go Bags for every member of your family – including pets. Next week's Ed Moment will talk about Evacuation to Safety – Stay or Go. Together, you can think of these as the 'three-legged stool' of basic preparedness. If every household in our community is prepared in these 3 ways, Nehalem Bay will have an excellent foundation for greater safety, security and survivability!

What is a Family Plan? Your first concern during a disaster is likely to be the safety of your family members. If disaster strikes without warning during your normal busy day, how will you find each other?

A Family Plan is a written plan that you prepare NOW while you have time and can think clearly. It includes an out-of-area/state emergency contact and two places to meet if family members are separated. Basic forms can also include essential medical and insurance information. Each family member should keep a copy in his/her GoBag.

Where can you find a form? One simple form is included in the 2016 EVCNB Preparedness Booklet available by clicking the link at the bottom of the evcnb.org home page. FEMA.gov has numerous Family Plan formats and planning guides. The most important thing is to get started!