

How Prepared Are You?

The quiz was just a little warm up to get you thinking about emergencies. The true test is how you will manage in a real emergency. Answer the questions below to gauge just how ready you are.

		Yes	No	Maybe
1	Do you have a battery operated radio and batteries?			
2	Do you know what local radio stations are part of the Emergency Alert System and will be providing information in an emergency?			
3	Do you have enough food and water for three days if the electricity shuts off and there's no refrigeration, or the water supply is considered temporarily unsafe?			
4	If you're relying on canned food, do you have a non-electric can opener?			
5	Have you planned for your special needs in an emergency – medications, baby supplies, or other special supplies?			
6	Do you have at least 2 working flashlights and batteries?			
7	Do you have a "Go Bag" in case you have to leave your home suddenly?			
8	Do you have an emergency contact sheet with key phone numbers on it?			
9	Do you have a car charger for your cell phone?			
10	Do you have some emergency cash on hand in case you can't use plastic or get to a bank?			
11	Are your important papers (or copies of your papers) in a safe, waterproof place?			
12	Do you have the numbers for BGE, Washington Gas, Comcast/Verizon, and the City of Bowie in a handy place?			
13	Do you have a first aid kit?			
14	Have you taken a CPR and/or first aid class?			
15	Do you have a plan for communicating with family members after a disaster?			
16	Do you test the smoke detectors in your home twice a year?			
17	Do you have a fire extinguisher at home?			
18	Have you had a fire drill or discussed your emergency plans with family/friends?			
19	Do you have an inventory list of your valuables?			
20	Have you signed up for Alert Bowie?			

Scoring: (# of yes answers)

0-5: Not prepared. Luckily, you still have time to develop an emergency plan. But don't wait too long; you never know when a natural disaster can occur.

6-10: Not as prepared as you should be. No need to worry; start taking action. The time that you take now to get your family more prepared for a potential disaster will save you more time and anxiety during an actual disaster.

11-15: Somewhat prepared. Nice job. You and your family will avoid some stressful and tense situations because of your preparations. Most homeowners and businesses are not prepared for a disaster, so you are ahead of the game.

16-20: Consider yourself a graduate of the School of Emergency Preparedness! You've spent some time thinking about this and probably would know what to do in an emergency and would keep a level head. Keep up the good work and remember that practice makes perfect!