PORTABLE AUTO SURVIVAL KIT

FROM THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS HANDBOOK

OK! You have prepared your home. What about when you are away from home, in your car or at work?

Southern Californians spend a great deal of time in their vehicles. Our sprawling megalopolis necessitates the use of vehicles for even the simplest of errands. We also need to prepare ourselves while we are away from home. A portable survival kit kept in the car (and another kept in our office) will give us the ability to get along until we are able to return home.

HERE IS A LIST OF ITEMS WHICH SHOULD BE KEPT IN YOUR CAR'S MOBILE SURVIVAL KIT:

Nylon Carrying Bag or Day Pack
Bottled Water
Non-perishable Food
Can Opener
Transistor Radio and Extra Batteries
Flashlight and Extra Batteries
First Aid Kit
Gloves
Essential Medication
Blanket, Sleeping Bags, Space Blanket
Sealable Plastic Bags
Pre-moistened Towelettes
Small Tool Kit
Matches and Lighter
Walking Shoes and Extra Socks
Change of Clothes
Jacket
Cash (Small Denominations and Coins)

PERSONAL SURVIVAL KIT AT WORK

Your workplace kit should be small and portable. Place it into a small day pack. You should be able to carry your supplies with you if your business is closed and you need to evacuate to another location. It should include:

- Dry Food - Candy Bars, Dried Fruits, Jerky, Cookies, Crackers, Etc.
- Drinks - Water or Orange Juice
- Tennis Shoes / Walking Shoes for Office Workers
- First Aid Kit
- Routine Medications - Aspirin, Tylenol, Cold Tablets, Etc.

- Extra Prescription Medications
- Flashlight with Extra Batteries
- Chemical Light Sticks
- Matches
- Small Battery Powered Radio, Extra Batteries
- Small and Large Plastic Bags
- Toiletries / Personal Hygiene Items
- Entertainment Pack - Family Photos, Notebooks, Reading Material and Games

REMEMBER: You could be stranded for up to 72 hours. Make sure that you have enough supplies to meet your needs.

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