

Community Safety Home Award

Leaders' information pack



**County Durham
and Darlington**
Local Resilience Forum

This pack has been put together to help with achieving the Community Safety Home Award under County Durham and Darlington Local Resilience Forum (CDDLRF) Community Safety Award scheme. The activities can be undertaken either at home or in the meeting place (school, scout hall, youth club) and they can be either self-led or completed as a group activity. Elements of this award can also be counted towards several of Cub scouts activity badges, ie Home Safety (what to do in an emergency; emergency calls; list of useful phone numbers), Fire Safety (make an emergency escape plan), Global Issues (what is needed to survive after a disaster), Local Knowledge (draw a map).

If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact County Durham and Darlington Local Resilience Forum by emailing

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How it works

There are nine activities in total. The first two tasks are mandatory to complete in order to earn the award, whereafter children can choose another four of their own choice from the remaining tasks.

Once completed, please contact County Durham and Darlington Local Resilience Forum for your certificate to be issued. LocalResilienceForum@ddfire.gov.uk

Tasks for gaining the Community Safety Home Award:

Task 1 - A Household grab bag

In case you need to be evacuated from your home, there are a number of things you should think about taking with you. Think what you might need in a household grab bag. Do you have pets? What would they need?

Task 2 - Draw a map

In case you are told to evacuate from your home, draw a map of a safe escape route from your home/group's meeting place to a safe meeting place.

Task 3 – Flooding

Find out if your house/meeting place is at risk of flooding using

[Check for flooding in England](#) – GOV.UK What sort of flooding can affect your area?

How could you receive flooding alerts?

Task 4 – What is an emergency?

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Task 5 – Community risks

Using the County Durham and Darlington Community Risk Register name three of the top risks in your area [CDDLRF Community Risk Register](#)

Task 6 – Who is involved?

Who might be involved in an emergency? Which blue lights services (police, ambulance, fire and rescue) attend to which emergencies? Do you know of any other agencies who are involved in emergencies?

Task 7 – Leaving home

What would you need to do to make your home secure if you were being evacuated?

Task 8 – Community

Who near you, or in your community may need your assistance during an incident? Name three categories of people.

Task 9 – Word search

Complete the word search to find 10 items that you would take with you in an evacuation.

Leaders guide

Task 1 (*mandatory*): A household grab bag

In case you need to be evacuated from your home, there are a number of things you should think about taking with you. Think what you might need in a household grab bag. Do you have pets? What would they need?

Please do highlight that it is not necessary to keep a grab bag ready and packed to go, but they should know where to find the items in a hurry and have a sturdy bag which is large enough to carry the items.

Items to include:

- Any medication your family members may need
- Paper copy of useful telephone numbers
- Mobile phone and charger
- Important documents (passports, insurance documents)
- Toiletries
- Nappies for babies
- Warm clothes (jacket, jumper) and a set of clothes to change into
- First aid kit
- Antibacterial hand gel
- Bottles of water
- High energy snacks
- Wind up or battery radio including spare batteries
- Wind up torch or torch with spare batteries
- Notebook and pen / pencil
- Essential keys (house, car)
- Special items (glasses / contact lenses, hearing aids, etc.)
- Cash
- Other items you may need (playing cards, teddy, puzzle etc.)

For pets you might need to take:

- Water, food and bowls
- Leash / muzzle / harness
- Medication, health records, license and microchip numbers
- Blanket, pet carrier or cage
- Photo of your pet in case it gets lost
- Plastic bag for waste

Please note that this list is not exhaustive and other items can be considered. There is no right or wrong answer as such, as long as the person can reasonably explain why their chosen item is necessary. The aim of this task is to encourage a healthy discussion and aid decision making.

This task is also popular when it is run as a hands-on activity by letting children choose amongst a variety of physical items (or even just pictures of the items) on display and then explain their choices.

Task 2 (*mandatory*): Draw a map

In case you are told to evacuate from your home/group's meeting place, draw a map of a safe escape route to a safe meeting place.

Children should draw a route from their house (school, scout hall) to where there is a communal safe meeting place. Check that a safe route is taken, such as avoiding rivers if there is a flood and that busy roads are crossed at the safest place available.

Task 3: Flooding

Find out if your house or meeting place is at risk of flooding using [Check for flooding in England – GOV.UK](#) What sort of flooding could happen in your area? How could you receive flooding alerts?

Three main types of flooding:

- Fluvial (rivers, streams)
- Pluvial or flash flooding (ie surface water flooding after heavy rainfall)
- Coastal flooding

Flood alerts can be signed up for here: [Sign up for flood warnings – GOV.UK](#)
Environment Agency's Citizen Space providing advice on flood related issues is accessible here: [Be Flood Prepared: Respond and Recover Quicker – Environment Agency – Citizen Space](#)

Can also sign up for Met Office weather warnings here
[UK weather warnings – Met Office](#)

Task 4: What is an emergency?

Emergency is a serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action. Emergencies that could affect your family, home and community include:

- Weather related emergencies such as flooding, storms, heavy snow fall, freezing temperatures, heat wave
- Utility emergencies such as loss of power, heating or water, gas leak, chemical or nuclear leak
- Infectious disease, ie pandemic flu or animal disease
- Major transport accident at road, rail air, or sea
- Terrorism

Children are expected to describe emergency in their own words using examples to illustrate, not to give the formal definition of an emergency.

Task 5: Community risks

Using the County Durham and Darlington Community Risk Register name three of the top risks in your area. [CDDLRF Community Risk Register](#)

- Flooding – fluvial (rivers, streams), surface water and coastal flooding
- Adverse weather – storms, gales, low temperatures, heavy snow, ice, heatwaves and drought
- Human disease
- Wildfire
- Animal disease – foot and mouth disease, avian influenza, African horse sickness, African swine fever, swine fever
- Failure of essential services – loss of utilities: electricity, gas, water
- Cyber-attack and online fraud – loss of personal or corporate information; damage to business, the economy and reputation; loss of, or interruption to the supply of essential goods and services and communication networks.
- Terrorism and malicious attacks

Task 6: Who is involved?

Who might be involved in an emergency? Which blue lights services (police, ambulance, fire and rescue) attend to which emergencies? Do you know of any other agencies who are involved in emergencies?

Think of the involvement of different emergency services in different emergency scenarios. Multiple agencies may be involved in one scenario, ie police, ambulance fire and rescue all can attend a road traffic collision. Do you know any other agencies which may be involved? ie Environment Agency, local authority, Northern Gas Networks, Northern Powergrid, Northumbrian Water.

Task 7: Leaving home

What would you need to do to make your home secure if you were being evacuated?

They should put together their grab bag; switch off gas, electricity and water; lock their home, doors and windows. If they are making their own arrangements instead of going to a location nominated by the Local Authority or emergency service, they should notify someone to let them know they are safe.

Task 8: Community

Who near you, or in your community may need your assistance during an incident? Name three categories of people.

Examples include:

- Elderly
- People with babies and young family
- Pregnant ladies
- Vulnerable adults and children
- Disabled people
- People who have recently had a surgery or broken a limb

Task 9: Word search

Household grab bag

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Jacket
Money
Clothes
Glasses
Notepad

Snacks
Teddy
Toiletries
Pet food
Radio

Water
Phone
Medicine
Documents
Blanket

Torch
Nappies
Pen
Phone Charger
First Aid Kit

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