Emergency Preparation Checklist

1. Consult your insurer for an appointment with a risk engineer to help identify and analyse possible risks to your home.

2. Participate in your local council’s community disaster planning procedures.

3. Stay informed of any adverse weather alerts through local channels and possible evacuation plans that could impact you and your family.

4. Be systematic in keeping up your home maintenance to limit your exposure. Water damage can worsen due to blocked gutters, clogged drains or a few loose tiles on the roof, all which could be prevented by a few hours of DIY or repair work.

5. Ensure vehicles, bikes, boats, etc. are parked in a garage or stored away from potential hazards; e.g. tall trees could fall over your vehicles, causing severe damage.

6. Take simple precautions during a severe storm – shut the windows, disconnect appliances, secure items that might become unstable during strong winds, etc.

7. Ensure smoke detectors are installed across your home and test them monthly (together with their batteries).

8. Keep fire extinguishers handy and ensure these are serviced annually.

9. Keep an emergency kit that has:
   - A first aid kit
   - List of emergency phone numbers (local police, fire, ambulance, etc.)
   - Important documents (ID/birth certificates, insurance policies, etc.)
   - A torch with extra batteries
   - Portable radio
   - A spare mobile phone with essential contact numbers of local authorities, rescue services, close friends and family, etc.
   - Canned food and bottled water

10. Ensure you have an insurance policy in place that sufficiently covers the replacement value of your home, contents, etc.

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