

# WATCHOUT



DELHI TOWNSHIP POLICE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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## Be Prepared! Tips for Family Disaster Preparedness:

Disasters—natural and manmade—pose a potential threat to our communities and your families. How you prepare for and respond to these disasters directly affects you and your family's chance for survival. These safety tips may be helpful in protecting your family from potential disasters.

### Identify Hazards....

The first step in creating a disaster plan is to identify what types of disasters could happen to you or your family.

### Some Possible Types of Disasters:

#### Natural

Tornado  
Flood  
Blizzard  
Heat Wave  
Earthquake  
Hurricane  
Mudslide

#### Accidental

Fire  
Transportation  
Chemical Release

#### Intentional

Bombing  
Biological  
Chemical  
Shooting

### Create Plan.....

Involving the whole family in developing your plan is essential. Explain dangers and necessity for a plan. Commit your plan to paper and educate each member of the family on how and when it is used.

### Things to Remember.....

- Develop a response to each hazard identified in the disaster list.
- Develop a list of emergency numbers, including someone out-of-town that you can contact following the disaster.
- Establish a meeting place immediately outside your home, as well as an out-of-area destination in case you cannot return home immediately
- Assemble a disaster supply kit.
- Learn when and how to shut off water, gas and electricity.
- Install smoke detectors on each level of your home.
- Know two ways out of every room.
- Incorporate any special needs for the elderly or disabled.
- Plan how to care for pets following a disaster.

### Practice Plan....

Even the best plan is useless unless it has been practiced and maintained. Routinely review, practice and update your plans.

### Schedule.....

- Check smoke detectors every 6 months
- Review and practice disaster plan with family
- Conduct fire drills
- Replace batteries, clean smoke detectors
- Replace food and water in your supply kit
- Check if fire extinguisher is fully charged.

## During Disaster.....

The key to surviving a disaster is to calmly, yet quickly execute the specific plan for the disaster you are experiencing.

## If Disaster Strikes.....

- Remain calm and patient
- Put your disaster plan into action
- Provide assistance to those with special needs, in accordance with your plan
- Check for injuries
- Listen to local news for information and instructions

## After the Disaster.....

The emotions following a disaster can be devastating. It is crucial to the safety of your family to remain calm, listen for and then follow official instructions.

## Following the Disaster.....

- Follow plan for specific disaster
- Listen to news reports for information and instructions
- Assess condition of house, using a flashlight, not an open flame
- Smell for gas leaks, starting with the water heater
- Shut off any damaged utilities
- Clean up any hazardous or flammable spills
- Treat injuries
- Notify local and out-of-town contacts, then only use phone to report life-threatening emergencies
- Document damage for insurance claims

## Items for a Disaster Supply Kit.....

### Prepare a three days supply of the following:

- Water for three days (1 gallon per person per day)
- Nonperishable food
- First aid kit
- Clothing and bedding
- Sanitation items
- Tools
- Special items: Baby needs, extra eye glasses, cash or travelers checks, books and games



## DUNGEONS OF DELHI HAUNTED HOUSE

NOW OPEN THRU OCTOBER 28TH

**Fridays & Saturdays:**  
7pm - 11pm

**Sundays:**  
5pm - 7pm (Matinee - *less frightful, lights on*)  
7pm - 9pm (Regular Scares)

*(Closed on Halloween Night)*

**Admission: \$6.00**

**Discount admission:** \$5 per person with canned good

**Matinee: \$3**

**Located at:** Anderson Ferry Rd. behind the  
Del-Fair old Thriftway Store.

Log onto [www.WEBN.com](http://www.WEBN.com) for more information.

Proceeds benefit Delhi Police Explorers

## Halloween Safety Tips:

- Wear light colored clothing that's short enough to prevent tripping and add reflective tape to the sides, front, and back of costume.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks, or use cosmetics to create fun or scary faces.
- Adults should accompany young children
- Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes you know.
- Watch for traffic
- Only give and accept wrapped or packaged candy
- Examine all candy before allowing children to eat it
- Keep children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the child and become frightened.
- Avoid hard plastic or wood props such as daggers or swords. Substitute with foam rubber which is soft and flexible.

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