



Patient Emergency Preparedness Information

In the event of a natural disaster, Walker Home Medical will work in conjunction with Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), Statesboro and Savannah Emergency Management (CEMA), and Local Public Safety Agencies whenever possible to ensure optimal care and communication with our customers.

Communication:

Communication systems may be interrupted including telephone, fax, e-mail, internet and cell phone. Depending on the level of interruption of communication systems, a temporary call center may be developed in an unaffected area to provide land-line telephone communication.

Patient Care:

Patients on medical equipment designed to provide oxygen, oral or tracheal suctioning, enteral feedings and medication administration shall be identified and contacted for determination of:

1. Current level of supplies on hand
2. To access the patients' willingness and ability to evacuate if necessary
3. To ensure that patient has emergency contact information and Patient Emergency Preparedness checklist

Shelters:

Locations and opening of emergency shelters will be announced by emergency Management agencies prior to the disaster. Please listen to News and radio to stay informed or contact your local Sheriff's Department or Red Cross @ 912-651-9900.

Patient Emergency Preparedness Checklist

Emergency 911 FIRE, EMS, POLICE	American Red Cross 912-651-9900	My Family:
East Georgia Regional Medical Center 912-486-1000	Georgia State Patrol 912-651-3000	My Doctor:
Bulloch County Sheriffs Dept. 912-764-6188	Memorial Medical Center 912-350-8000	My Neighbor:
Statesboro Police Dept. 912-764-9911	Chatham County Sheriffs Dept. 912-652-7600	Other:
Walker Home Medical 912-681-3838	Bryan County Sheriffs Dept. 912-653-3800	Other:

Emergency Inventory:

- Fill car with gas
- Secure your house and buildings
- Review county evacuation plan
- Listen to news and radio
- Check your emergency supplies
- Turn Refrigerator/freezer to coldest setting
- Store drinking water in bathtub, jugs, ect.
- Store valuable papers in waterproof container
- Keep supply of flashlights and batteries
- Stay inside away from glass doors and windows
- Avoid open flames
- If power is lost, turn off major appliances to avoid power surge when power is restored
- Have first aid kit
- Have emergency ready to eat food

Evacuation:

- Take blankets / sleeping bags
- Tell someone outside of the affected area where you are going
- Take pre-assembled emergency supplies and protective clothing
- Take water and ready to eat food
- Have cash and credit card
- Take medications with you
- Take medical equipment, (oxygen, nebulizer) and prescriptions with you
- Leave as soon as possible
- Lock up home