

Emergency Flash Drive or Micro-SD Card



Technology has advanced to the point you don't need to carry bulky paper copies of most important documents. Instead, you can carry a Flash Drive or a Micro-SD card in a Micro Card Reader that plugs into the USB port of a computer.

A flash drive that is encrypted (with a password) will protect you if your flash drive is lost or stolen. You can also ZIP your files into password-protected folders. You want to avoid giving away enough information to steal your identity!

To get your documents ready for your flash drive, scan them on your scanner. (Kinko's can do this for you, too.) Keep these in a protected file on your computer. Here's what you need:

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license | <input type="checkbox"/> Home/Life insurance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security card | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records | <input type="checkbox"/> Health insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Bank account info |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Car insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Gun permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard-to-replace papers | <input type="checkbox"/> Photos to identify family members | |

You also need **paper copies or plastic ID cards** of:

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency contacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Current utility bill |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security card | <input type="checkbox"/> Passport | <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage certificate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare ID | <input type="checkbox"/> Health insurance | <input type="checkbox"/> Driver's license |

Obviously each person in your family needs copies of the documents that apply to him or her. Parents should have these for all dependent children.

If you have room on the flash drive or card, download any important photos or documents whose originals would be hard to replace if destroyed - such as:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family photos | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy records | <input type="checkbox"/> Household inventory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Journals or diaries | <input type="checkbox"/> Church records | <input type="checkbox"/> DisasterGuy Tips |

Tip: Carry your Micro-SD Card and Micro Card Reader in a money belt with a zipper!