

# Preparedness 2013

1. We have to get past the thought that it will never happen here.
2. Mark Twain once said “Apparently there is nothing that cannot happen today”.
3. Each household needs to prepare to fill their individual needs.
4. Need to have a list of contact, phone numbers, medical information, and personnel information.
5. If there is a disaster in your town tie a white cloth on the door knob. This tell first responders that you are OK. You will be visited again after first responders have checked all residences.
6. Prepare an emergency kit for you and pets if you have to evacuate your residence. You will need records of vaccinations of your pet, muzzle, food, leash, and a pet carrier.
7. Red Cross will not accept pets in a shelter.
8. BE READY INFORMATION can be found on [beready.iowa.gov](http://beready.iowa.gov)
9. It isn't if it will happen here, it is when.