





01 Establishing a Comprehensive P.A.C.E. Plan for Survival Preparedness

In the world of survival and emergency preparedness, having a well-thoughtout P.A.C.E. Plan (Primary, Alternate, Contingency, and Emergency) is essential. This comprehensive approach ensures that you and your loved ones are prepared for unexpected events, from natural disasters to personal emergencies.

In this PDF, we will walk you through the critical components of a P.A.C.E. Plan and provide tips on developing and implementing an effective strategy for your unique needs. P.A.C.E. Planning isn't just for "bugging out"; it applies to ALL aspects of preparedness.

Primary: Building a Solid Foundation for Preparedness

The first step in creating a P.A.C.E. Plan is establishing a Primary plan. This is your go-to strategy for handling emergencies and should encompass essential elements such as:

- 1. Communication: Establish a reliable communication system, including backup methods such as two-way radios, satellite phones, satellite messengers, HAM radio, etc.
- 2. Shelter: Identify a safe location for your primary shelter, considering factors like accessibility, proximity to resources, and potential hazards. Your primary is usually your home.
- 3. Food and Water: Calculate your household's necessary food and water supplies, and plan to store and replenish these resources regularly. Storing long-term freeze dried foods is always a good idea, as is storing extra water if you're able.
- 4. First Aid: Assemble a comprehensive kit and ensure all family members are familiar with basic first aid techniques, as well as treating trauma wounds. Stockpiling medications is also a huge plus. You can get emergency prescriptions HERE.
- 5. Security: Develop a security plan to protect your home and loved ones, including physical barriers, surveillance systems, and self-defense measures. You should be prepared to have 360 degree, 24/7 security if you're able. Putting together a community group is very important, especially if it's a major SHTF event that sends the country into complete societal breakdown.

Alternate: Preparing for the Unexpected

An Alternate plan is your backup strategy if your Primary plan becomes unfeasible or unsafe. This could involve:

- Bug-Out Bags: Assemble bug-out bags for each family member, packed with essential items to help you survive for at least 72 hours away from your primary shelter.
- 2. Alternate Shelter: Identify a secondary shelter location that offers safety and resources if your primary shelter becomes uninhabitable. Alternate locations could be a family member or friends home in a more rural area. You do not have to own land!
- Evacuation Routes: Map out multiple evacuation routes from your home, and familiarize yourself with the surrounding area to ensure you can navigate it during an emergency.
- 4. Backup Communication: Establish alternative communication methods and designate a common meeting point if communication systems fail.
- Cache Supplies: Consider caching additional supplies of food, water, ammunition, medical supplies, and other essentials at strategic locations along your evacuation routes.

Contingency: Adapting to Changing Circumstances

A Contingency plan is designed to address specific challenges that may arise during an emergency. This could include:

- Natural Disaster or other Event that forces you to change locations. Many things can go sideways as part of your overall plan!
- 2. Loss of Power: Develop a plan for alternative power sources, such as solar panels, generators, or portable power banks.
- Medical Emergencies: Create a list of nearby medical facilities and ensure all family members can access them in an emergency.
- 4. Vehicle Breakdown: Prepare for potential vehicle breakdowns by maintaining a well-stocked emergency kit in your vehicle and familiarizing yourself with basic automotive repair skills.

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Emergency: Handling the Most Severe Situations

Finally, an Emergency plan is your last line of defense for extreme and life-threatening situations. This plan may include:

- Long-Term Shelter: Research and identify long-term shelter options, such as remote cabins or underground bunkers, for extended periods of self-sufficiency.
- Escape and Evasion: Familiarize
 yourself with escape and evasion
 techniques to avoid dangerous situations
 or confrontations.
- 3. Survival Skills: Develop and practice essential survival skills, such as firestarting, water purification, and foraging for food.
- 4. Attempting to "live off the land" is the worst case scenario and should not be anything but your last ditch emergency plan. If you already have a plot of land in the wilderness and have a permanent shelter in place, along with everything you need to live off-grid, and you have the training, this might be your alternate or contingency plan. Being the last ditch emergency plan is for most people who are not ready for this type of situation.



Regularly Review and Update Your P.A.C.E. Plan

An effective P.A.C.E. Plan requires regular review and updates to remain relevant and practical. Assess your plan at least annually or whenever significant changes occur in your family, location, or circumstances. This includes:



- Testing Equipment: Regularly test your communication devices, generators, and other emergency equipment to ensure they are in good working order.
- Updating Supplies: Routinely check the expiration dates of your food, water, and medical supplies, and replace items as needed.
- Practicing Drills: Conduct emergency drills with your family to ensure everyone knows their roles and responsibilities during a crisis.
- 4. Staying Informed: Stay informed about potential risks in your area, such as natural disasters, civil unrest, or public health concerns, and adjust your plan accordingly.
- 5. Expanding Knowledge: Continuously learn and improve your survival skills by attending workshops, joining survival groups, and staying up-to-date on the latest preparedness techniques.





In Conclusion: Mastering the Art of Preparedness

Developing a comprehensive P.A.C.E. Plan is a crucial component of survival preparedness. Incorporating primary, alternate, contingency, and emergency strategies ensure that you and your loved ones are ready to face any challenges.

Remember that preparedness is an ongoing process, and your plan should be regularly reviewed and updated to reflect your changing needs and circumstances. By mastering the art of preparedness, you can enjoy peace of mind knowing you are ready to face whatever life throws your way.

Always remember to train as often as possible to be familiar with your gear, your skillsets, and your limitations. Be sure you and your family have practiced hiking while carrying your gear for longer distances. Staying in shape is paramount is a survival situation!

Which important parts of my P.A.C.E. plan are Missing?

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