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| Mobile phone and charger | Important to ensure you can remain in contact with family, friends, work and school. |
| Medications you are taking  | Take these, plus any repeat prescriptions. |
| House and car keys | Necessary for access once return home is permitted, but important not to leave behind for reasons of security. |
| Cash / bank cards | Cash and cards can make exclusion from home an easier experience and should not be left behind for reasons of security – a target for opportunistic theft and looting. |
| Passports | Should not be left behind for reasons of security – a target for opportunistic theft and looting. |
| Important information on a memory stick | Not something you would attempt to do at the time but should prepare in advance – insurer detail might turn out to be important. |
| Radio | Always useful for receiving information about the un-folding situation and has the benefit of providing entertainment. |
| Torch | A staple part of any emergency kit for power cuts and after dark. |
| Notebook and pen | Useful for recording notes about the situation in case of subsequent insurance claims. |
| Cards / small toys / puzzles | Particularly for children who might be quickly bored. |

**Evacuation**

If you are evacuated from home in the event of a fire, it will be important to leave quickly and you will have limited time in which to collect things together. In most cases you will be asked to leave for precautionary reasons and could expect to return home within a few hours once the fire has been brought under control.

An **Emergency Centre** (sometimes called a Rest Centre) will be set up in a nearby venue to accommodate evacuated residents. Refreshments and essentials will be provided during the stay and it is therefore unnecessary to take provisions of this nature.

The advice regarding **pets** will vary depending on circumstances but, unless there is significant risk, it is generally considered better to leave pets at home where they will be most comfortable and least stressed.

There are no RIGHT or WRONG answers in this exercise. However, the following priority short list is suggested as useful in most situations.

**Please leave quickly**

**Suggested top ten**

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