



EMERGENCY PLANNING BADGE FOR BROWNIES AND CUBS

Would your Cub Scouts or Brownies know what to do in an emergency?

Have you heard about the Emergency Preparedness badge launched in 2012 by Northamptonshire County Council?



Over the last few years the Emergency Planning Team have been working with the local Girlguiding and Scouting Associations to develop a package that can be sustained and ensures that people are better prepared to deal with an emergency and to make sure that they to include in their plans their pets. The scheme is also supported by a multitude of voluntary organisations represented on the LRF Community Resilience and Welfare Group, such as RSPCA, British Red Cross, Salvation Army, St John Ambulance and the emergency services.

The workbook uses the Emergency Planning Teams' In Case of Emergency plan for households to complete to help children and their families prepare for an emergency. Completing the booklet and discussing it with family members can make a huge difference to how people cope during an emergency.

The workbook has a few activities to complete to earn their badge. These includes colouring in, a word search for items that they might include in a grab bag, a multi selection activity for items around the house that will be useful if you have been told to stay indoors, a maze which leads you to safety, spot the difference and an activity about looking after your pets which shows them how to draw a cat and a dog. The activity also lets the children think about what emergencies may happen where they live and gets them to write down all the important telephone numbers they would need and asks them where would they go if they had to leave their homes.

The activity pack comprises a workbook, information for the leaders and a monitoring form so that the Emergency Planning Team know which groups have gained the badge. These can be downloaded from the Scouting and Girlguiding websites.

As leader of your group you may like to find out more information about emergency planning and emergencies and additional learning material can be found in the **Emergency Planning Kids** section on our website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/emergencies or the Flood Aware Schools Pack on the NCC Flood Toolkit <https://www.floodtoolkit.com/education/>

The badges are free and open to all groups within Northamptonshire and can be downloaded by visiting the Girlguiding and Scouting websites.

Please take up this badge.

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