Poll Questions

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Emergency Planning among Older Adults
Questions were answered by respondents age 50–80.

Q1. Have you ever experienced any of the following situations?

	Yes, within the last year	Yes, over a year ago	No	Unsure
Power outage for more than a day				
Severe weather such as a tornado, blizzard, hurricane				
Evacuation from your home (due to fire, flood, hurricane, chemical/gas leak, carbon monoxide, etc.)				
A lockdown in which you were required to remain in your location for safety (such as a bomb threat, active shooter, etc.)				

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Q2. Does your community have a system (such as a smartphone app or messaging service) where you can sign up to receive information about emergencies?

1. Yes, and I have signed up for alerts
2. Yes, but I have not signed up for alerts
3. No
4. Don't know

Q3. Have you had any conversations with your family or friends about what to do if you needed to evacuate your home?

1. Yes
2. No

Q4. Do you currently use any essential medical equipment that requires electricity?

1. Yes
2. No

Q5. Do you currently have any of the following ready in the event of a disaster or emergency?

	Yes	No
7-day supply of bottled water and food		
Portable battery or solar cell phone charger		
Battery-powered or hand crank radio		
Generator		
Stocked emergency kit that follows recommended guidelines		
[If Q4 = Yes] Alternative power source for essential medical equipment		

Q6. Do you currently have any of the following ready in the event of a disaster or emergency?

	Yes	No	I don't need these items
7-day supply of essential medications			
7-day supply of essential health supplies			

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Q7. How confident are you that you are prepared to take care of yourself [and others in your household] if the following situations occurred?

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not confident
Power outage for more than a day			
Severe weather such as a tornado, blizzard, hurricane			
Evacuation from your home (due to fire, flood, hurricane, chemical/gas leak, carbon monoxide, etc.)			
A lockdown in which you were required to remain in your location for safety (such as a bomb threat, active shooter, etc.)			

Q8. In the event of a disaster or emergency in your community, where would you try to get information on what to do?

1. Family/friends/neighbors
2. Smartphone app
3. Social media
4. Government websites
5. Radio
6. TV
7. Other

Q9. How likely do you think it is that you will experience the following in the next year?

	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Somewhat unlikely	Very unlikely
Power outage for more than a day				
Severe weather such as a tornado, blizzard, hurricane				
Evacuation from your home (due to fire, flood, hurricane, chemical/gas leak, carbon monoxide, etc.)				
A lockdown in which you were required to remain in our location for safety (such as a bomb threat, active shooter, etc.)				

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Q10. Imagine there is an emergency in your area and you will have to urgently leave your home. How easy or difficult do you think it would be for you to...

	Very easy	Somewhat easy	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult
Receive timely information on your phone				
Have enough money to pay to stay somewhere for 7 days				
Have transportation to leave your home				
Take a 7-day supply of medication and/or health supplies				
[If Q4 = Yes] Take your essential medical equipment				

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