

## EMERGENCY KITS

John Wadsworth, at Preparedness Products, provided the enclosed emergency kit information. Preparedness Products offers high quality items at a reasonable cost.

In case of nuclear attack, you, your family, and your neighbors will need:

1. Shelter from the initial nuclear weapons effects of blast, thermal pulse, and radiation.
2. Shelter from the secondary nuclear weapons effects of fire and fallout. These will not be a threat to everyone, but everyone must prepare for them.
3. A reliable supply of clean air.
4. A reliable supply of clean water.
5. A reliable long term food supply after the attack.
6. Warm clothing and emergency medical supplies and knowledge.
7. Food during the time you are in the shelters.

These seven necessities are listed in order of importance. Each category includes various support items such as a radiation meter in the shelter.

Most emergency kits do not include water and are, therefore, low on this list of priorities. The Wadsworth kits do have water. Emergency kits are easy to buy, however, so they are the first step most people take in emergency planning. Since the first step is often the most difficult, there is a temptation to tell everyone to immediately buy or assemble an emergency kit. This done, people are often more easily convinced to prepare shelters.

Emergency kits are higher on the list of priorities for comfort and convenience in case of flood, earthquake, or other natural disaster. These topics are politically safe, so many professionals emphasize them as a backdoor means of at least minor preparations for war.