

## Emergencies, Disasters and Crises

Here is a list of possible crises. The first 10 are things that can happen to individual families on a regular basis. The second 10 are things that are usually widespread. Any of these can constitute a disaster or crisis. While many people think of emergency preparedness as having camping and bug-out equipment, please note that the things that may require evacuation are highlighted, and there are not as many as people might think. Sometimes bugging out may be more dangerous than staying at home. While it is wise to have plans in case you need to evacuate, there is a lot more to preparedness than a “go bag” or a 72 hour kit.

1. Job loss
2. Short budget/unexpected expenses
3. Sewer\*, plumbing, gas leaks
4. Illness (physical, mental, emotional, spiritual)
5. Injury
6. Communication disruption or loss
7. Transportation disruption or loss/car trouble
8. Personal or family discord
9. Theft/robbery
10. Child or incompetent elder becomes lost, injured, or has poison contact
  
11. Power outages
12. Water contamination or shortage
13. Intense storms
14. Fuel or food shortage or famine
15. Pandemic
16. Natural disaster – Earthquake, fire, storm, flood, extreme temperature
17. Chemical spills
18. Financial collapse or serious depression
19. Civil unrest
20. Martial law
21. War/invasion