

*My Life in a Box...
A Life Organizer*



Emergency Business Plan – July 2007

Do you own a business?

If so, do you have an emergency plan?

Let's say you receive a call one morning that the business next door to your office caught on fire and that the fire sprinkler system went off in your building, what kind of a mental picture would you have?

- Do you have computers?
- Are your computers backed up regularly?
- Do key people have password protected flash drive back ups of their files?
- Do those same people have laptop computers that would allow them to work away from the office?
- How about your inventory if you have a factory or store?
- Do you have plan in place where you can get back into production in another location?

If you have a business, I have a great link for you to visit. It is located on my website: <http://www.mylifeinabox.com/links.htm>

Please check out the link for "Small Business Preparedness". It will give you a one-page overview on what you should do to tighten up your business emergency plan. If you do not have a plan, it leads you to a great link that will walk you through an entire emergency plan.

Last of all make sure to purchase My Life in a Box...A Life Organizer for each of your employees. If they do not have a personal emergency plan and they experience a personal loss, home fire, or a natural disaster, it will effect every aspect of your business.

Absenteeism can cost you a lot as a business owner. If your employees are prepared, it is money in the bank and everyone will benefit!

My Personal Thoughts

Last month I celebrated Independence Day on July 4th in Dallas, Texas while I was visiting my daughter, her husband and my two "grand kitties", Ben & Jerry. On Sunday evening we went to a local 4th of July celebration at a park. I watched young families, kids running everywhere, people enjoying the evening, and then the fireworks began.

The display went on for 40 minutes. It was a sight to behold and in the back- ground there were sounds of joy and amazement as the huge displays exploded in the sky in synchronization to patriotic music. I sat in my lawn chair with my kids and their friends. It was an evening of peace and total security as we watched the fireworks display.

When our National Anthem began to play I started thinking about all of the men and women who are serving in the military and those who have given their lives for our Country. We have so much to be grateful for and I would like to say "Thank You and God bless them all"!

A Story from Finland

This past month I received an amazing story from one of our newsletter readers in Finland. She gave permission to share it with you. It is a great reminder that we need to be prepared for anything...not just hurricanes, tornados and earthquakes!

A Birthday to Remember

I was in my junior year at high school in Finland. It was Spring and we only had a little over a month left of school year. As part of our class assignment we were given several emergency topics to choose from and had to make a class presentation of our chosen topic. Our group chose "Home Storage"- as a topic.

The day of our class presentation arrived. We were so excited about our topic and truly felt that everyone should have at least a two-week supply of food and drinking water. But to our horror, our teacher mocked and ridiculed us openly after our presentation. Not because our presentation, but the topic- home storage.

"No one needs a two-week supply of food in Finland, we don't have earthquakes or tornados", her words echoed in my mind repeatedly. And soon the class followed our teacher's lead and laughed and mocked us. We hoped the ground would open up and swallow us.

About two weeks later my birthday arrived, April 26, 1986. I went to school as usual. Without warning our school day was interrupted with sirens. The sirens went on and on and we were filled with anxiety, what has happened? Soon government officials appeared in their emergency vehicles and ordered everyone inside. They told that there had been an explosion at a nuclear power plant in Russia and it was leaking deadly poison into the air. We were to go home as soon as possible, to close all doors and windows and remain home. We were to watch TV and wait for further information.

TV Channels at school were filled with alarming news: The water was polluted, crops and fruits and berries were polluted. All cattle outside during the past 48 hours had to be destroyed.

I held a sleeve to my nose and mouth, hurried home and opened our cupboards. To my relief, we had plenty of supplies because my mother always prepared for emergencies.

The summer passed and my senior year began. I ran into the teacher who had so humiliated me. I slumped my shoulders and tried to disappear, hoping she wouldn't recognize me. To my amazement, she stopped me and offered heart-felt apologies

for her bad behavior and also for not taking the topic seriously. Tsernobyl (Chernobyl) had taught her and us all a valuable lesson. You never know what happens or when-- be prepared ALWAYS!

I truly appreciate your website,

Taina - FINLAND

To check out the details of the Chernobyl incident visit:

<http://www.hazardcards.com/card.php?id=35>.

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