

OFFLINE READY

The 33-point offline readiness check

Guided phone setup + printable household field cards

MAPS · DOCUMENTS · HOUSEHOLD PLAN · POWER · OPTIONAL AI · AIRPLANE-MODE DRILL

Internet is required for the initial setup and downloads. This independent tool is not an emergency service, live alert feed or guarantee of safety. Local official instructions always take priority.

A working setup—not just a reading list

Allow 45–60 minutes, plus map/model download time. Use the app for interactive progress; use these pages as the paper fallback.

- 1 · Prepare while online. Connect to reliable Wi-Fi, check storage and keep a charger nearby.
- 2 · Download to the device. A cloud-synced file is not necessarily available offline. Download each essential item individually.
- 3 · Write the household plan. Keep it short. Share paper or offline copies with the people who need them.
- 4 · Run airplane mode. Open the actual map, file and plan. Only check what you personally verified.
- 5 · Maintain it. Maps expire, storage gets cleared and households change. Repeat the drill every three months.

Do not enter passwords, full identity numbers or financial credentials into the app. Protect sensitive documents with appropriate secure storage. Offline Ready is not affiliated with listed agencies or third-party apps.

App installation: open the delivered app URL while online, then use the browser's Install app / Add to Home Screen command. Open it once after installation. Browser storage can be cleared; keep these PDF cards separately and export your household backup.

Your first 17 checks

Check an item only after completing it. The optional AI decision counts as a decision; actual AI operation is separately verified only if installed.

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| 01 |  | Record this device and repeat the setup on other essential phones. |
| 02 |  | Check available storage before downloading maps, documents or models. |
| 03 |  | Enable local official emergency alerts and your regional warning app. |
| 04 |  | Keep a charged power source and know the phone's emergency-call options. |
| 05 |  | Download the offline map area around home. |
| 06 |  | Download a second essential area or realistic evacuation route. |
| 07 |  | Save important places and write their addresses on paper. |
| 08 |  | Set a recurring offline-map refresh reminder. |
| 09 |  | Save your household/contact plan locally. |
| 10 |  | Download each chosen essential document individually. |
| 11 |  | Open every essential file once before the offline drill. |
| 12 |  | Put the most important contact/address details on paper. |
| 13 |  | Agree on primary and alternative meeting points. |
| 14 |  | Confirm the out-of-area contact and full country code. |
| 15 |  | Include children, older people, accessibility needs and pets. |
| 16 |  | Give each relevant person a paper or offline copy of the plan. |
| 17 |  | Charge and label a suitable power bank and cable. |

Verify, restore and maintain

Airplane mode disables normal communications. Do not start the drill if you are expecting an urgent call or need emergency assistance.

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| 18 |  | Find Low Power Mode / Battery Saver and test essential apps with it. |
| 19 |  | Reduce avoidable screen and background battery drain. |
| 20 |  | Have a suitable non-phone information source, such as a radio. |
| 21 |  | Review lock-screen emergency information and its privacy implications. |
| 22 |  | Find your national and local official preparedness sources. |
| 23 |  | Save or print the specific official guidance you may need. |
| 24 |  | Decide whether optional local AI is useful on this device. |
| 25 |  | If installed, verify one harmless offline AI prompt (skip if not installed). |
| 26 |  | Enable airplane mode and confirm the connection badge changes. |
| 27 |  | Close and reopen the installed Offline Ready app while offline. |
| 28 |  | Open the downloaded map area and locate an essential place. |
| 29 |  | Open one essential downloaded document while offline. |
| 30 |  | Open the household plan or its paper copy while offline. |
| 31 |  | Turn airplane mode off and restore normal connectivity after the test. |
| 32 |  | Export or print your current household plan and store it securely. |
| 33 |  | Set a recurring three-month review and airplane-mode drill reminder. |

Completion means you self-checked the listed setup. It does not certify third-party apps, future availability, emergency response or safety.

iPhone: maps + documents

Menu names can change by OS/app version. Use the linked official instructions if your screen differs.

Apple Maps · iOS 17+

Maps → profile picture → Offline Maps → Add Offline Map → resize the area → Download. Review automatic updates and Optimize Storage; unused downloads can be removed.

Google Maps · iPhone

Google Maps → profile picture → Offline maps → Select your own map → adjust → Download. Refresh before expiration. Offline downloads are unavailable in some regions.

Files / iCloud Drive

In Files, open the required document and download any cloud-only item. Keep a suitable local copy. Open each file in airplane mode; merely seeing it in a cloud folder is not proof.

Offline-map limits: Google offline maps do not provide transit, cycling or walking directions offline; live traffic and alternate routes need connectivity. Features vary by app and region.

Official references

Apple Maps: support.apple.com/guide/iphone/download-offline-maps-iphc5f5bc6/ios

Google Maps: support.google.com/maps/answer/6291838?co=GENIE.Platform%3DiOS

Apple Files: support.apple.com/guide/iphone/files-basics-iphe9d46e90f/ios

Android: maps + documents

Android menus vary by manufacturer. The following refers to Google's apps; use your provider's official help if different.

Google Maps · Android

Google Maps → profile picture → Offline maps → Select your own map → adjust → Download. Download separate essential areas as needed and refresh before expiration.

Google Drive · offline files

Find each file in Drive → ☰ menu → Make available offline. This includes non-Google files such as PDFs. Open each file in airplane mode. Alternatively, use a trusted local file manager with appropriately secured local copies.

Organic Maps · independent alternative

Organic Maps is a free, open-source third-party app using OpenStreetMap data. Download its regional maps while online and test the exact areas/features you need. It is not an official government or OS-vendor service.

Do not assume full navigation works offline. Download availability, map detail, directions and saved-place behavior vary. Test the specific function you expect to use.

Official references

Google Maps: support.google.com/maps/answer/6291838

Google Drive: support.google.com/drive/answer/2375012

Organic Maps: organicmaps.app/faq/

PRINT & COMPLETE

Household communication plan

Do not include passwords, full identity numbers or financial credentials. Replace this sheet when details change.

HOUSEHOLD

PRIMARY MEETING POINT

ALTERNATIVE / OUT-OF-AREA POINT

OUT-OF-AREA CONTACT

CONTACT NUMBER + COUNTRY CODE

LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBER

UTILITY / LOCAL CONTACT

HOUSEHOLD REMINDERS · accessibility, pets, meeting instructions

Paper copies held by: _____

Power + communication

A downloaded resource on a dead phone is not available. Keep at least one non-phone information and contact fallback.

POWER

- ▣ Power bank charged, labelled and stored according to manufacturer instructions.
- ▣ Correct cable available; no damaged/swollen batteries.
- ▣ Low Power Mode / Battery Saver located and tested with essential apps.
- ▣ Screen brightness and avoidable background drain reduced when needed.
- ▣ Devices protected from extreme temperatures.

COMMUNICATION

- ▣ Local official alerts enabled while online/network service is available.
- ▣ Out-of-area contact and meeting points understood by the household.
- ▣ Paper contact card accessible if the phone is lost, locked or flat.
- ▣ Suitable radio / non-phone information source available where recommended locally.

Downloaded content does not restore cell service. Networks may be congested or unavailable. Follow local official instructions and never delay an emergency call to finish a checklist.

Airplane-mode verification log

Finish downloads first. Only record what you personally opened and confirmed. Do not run the drill when disabling communications could create risk.

Offline Ready app reopened	PASS / FIX	_____
Home map area opened	PASS / FIX	_____
Second essential area/route opened	PASS / FIX	_____
Essential document opened	PASS / FIX	_____
Household plan located	PASS / FIX	_____
Paper fallback located	PASS / FIX	_____
Normal connectivity restored	PASS / FIX	_____

GAPS FOUND / FIXES NEEDED

Drill date: _____ Next drill: _____ Device: _____

A failed item is useful information. Reconnect, fix one item and repeat the drill. Self-verification is not a guarantee of future app behavior or emergency outcomes.

Official preparedness resources

These are official starting points, not live emergency feeds. External links need connectivity. Check regional/local instructions and save needed guidance while online.

European Union European Commission — Preparedness	commission.europa.eu/topics/preparedness_en
United Kingdom GOV.UK — Be Ready	beready.campaign.gov.uk/be-ready-for-emergencies/
United States Ready.gov — Build a Kit	ready.gov/kit
Canada Public Safety Canada — Get prepared	canada.ca/en/services/policing/emergencies/preparedness/get-prepared.html
Australia National Emergency Management Agency + state/territory services	nema.gov.au
New Zealand NEMA — Get Ready household guidance	getready.govt.nz/prepared/household

Guidance differs: the EU strategy and Canada refer to 72-hour preparedness; the UK campaign refers to 3 days; Ready.gov says “several days.” No single day-count is imposed here. Australia uses significant state/territory guidance. No government endorsement is implied.

Offline AI lab

Offline Ready does not require AI. A local model can help with harmless summaries or brainstorming on compatible devices; it is not an emergency authority.

PocketPal AI · independent community project

- 1 · While online, install from the official site-linked store listing.
- 2 · Check free storage/memory and choose the smallest suitable model for your device.
- 3 · Download the model completely; retain its source/license information.
- 4 · Load it, enable airplane mode and start a new chat.
- 5 · Test a harmless prompt without sensitive personal information.

References: pocketpal.dev · github.com/a-ghorbani/pocketpal-ai

Never rely on a language model for medical, water-safety, evacuation or other safety-critical answers. Models can produce plausible misinformation and lack current local instructions. Use cited official sources and emergency services.

Quarterly review + maintenance log

Browser storage can be cleared, maps expire and households change. Export/print the plan before clearing storage or switching devices.

MONTHLY

Check map downloads and storage · inspect/charge power equipment as directed · open one essential offline document.

EVERY THREE MONTHS

Repeat the full drill · review contacts/meeting points/local guidance · export a fresh backup · replace old paper copies.

BEFORE TRAVEL OR A FORECAST EVENT

Download the new area · check local emergency numbers/alert services · refresh documents · charge devices · follow current local authority instructions.

DATE	DEVICE / AREA	FIXES / NEXT REVIEW
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