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## Insure.com Survey Reveals Majority of Americans Not Prepared for an Emergency

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Foster City, CA – September 18, 2019 – September is National Preparedness Month, but it seems that most Americans are unprepared for a potential emergency and they're not sure how to get prepared. That's according to a survey conducted by [Insure.com](https://insure.com), a comprehensive resource for insurance information.

The new study on disaster preparedness found that only 25% of people have an emergency go-bag ready in case of a major event like a hurricane or tornado. The numbers are even lower for California, a state prone to wildfires and earthquakes, where just 21% said they have a go-bag.

The results are better for states more likely to suffer a hurricane, with 40% of Floridians, 30% of Texans and 28% of North Carolinians surveyed saying they have a go-bag.

The survey looked at what people consider to be the most important items in a go-bag, including:

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- Water/non-perishable food – 34%
  - First-aid kit – 13%
  - Insurance and financial document – 12%
  - Valuables, such as jewelry – 4%
  - Clothing – 3%

The survey also provides tips on safe evacuation plans, who should have a go-bag and a full list of what should be in it.

Insure.com's senior consumer analyst, Penny Gusner, is the author of this study and can explain the report's findings and the context surrounding it. For more details, you can read an article overview of the report here: [/home-insurance/emergency-go-bag-survey](#)

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