

The following tips have been taken from an **Emergency Preparation** advice for Horseowners, and have been modified to make them relevant for alpaca owners:

1. **Identify your alpacas.** Ensure their IAR/NLIS tags have been inserted and ownership details in eAlpaca are up to date.
2. Prepare an **emergency plan**, and keep a copy in two places, in addition to a copy on your mobile phone. Include your contact details, herd identification, vet records, diet and any medications.
3. Hay and supplementary feed for at least 3 days always on hand, water stored in containers.
4. **Alpaca First Aid Kit** and any medications for 3 days. Spare halters and leads, torch, human “grab bag” including a hi-vis vest – all ready to go in your float or van. Check vehicles regularly, eg tyres pumped up, fuel tank full.
5. **Move** alpacas to your pre-determined safe place (identified in your emergency plan). This may be a day or more before danger arises. The situation can change quickly or overnight when it is difficult to move animals due to poor visibility.
6. **Stay Informed:** link social media and emergency Apps to your phone, and have a battery-powered radio.

**IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE STOCK BEHIND:**

Move to allocated low grass paddock and/or open all internal gates.

Photograph stock being left behind.

Turn off electricity at the mains.

Let neighbours know where you are going and leave contact information.