

# 3E's of Computing Devices

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## Emergency Lessons:

- 1) In the event of an emergency, one of the most useful tools you can have on your smart phone is a flashlight app. Some phones come with a flashlight already installed and some don't. Some smart phones even use a chop-chop function to turn the flashlight on/off very rapidly. Does your phone have this?
- 2) In the event of an emergency, it is highly possible that your smart phone may be low on battery charge, the cell tower near you is inoperable, your phone is damaged or cracked and cannot be used, etc.

Therefore, it is VERY practical to have this simple tool [aka referee whistle] in your pocket or sock while in your safe room or while trying to get away from harm. In the event that your phone isn't with you or does not work, this whistle will help others know where you are if you are trapped under debris or trapped in a vehicle. Don't underestimate this tool, it has saved numerous lives during disasters.

## Environmental Lessons:

- 1) Protect you and your family from uninvited guests having access to your computing devices/smart phones/smart home settings. Change the password to the router of your system and make sure it has at least six characters.
- 2) When using wi-fi away from home, ALWAYS remember you are probably not the only one on this wi-fi. While you may feel secure behind your firewall or with your computing device's security protection, there may easily be someone who does not want to be nice to their wifi friends. Look around you when in coffee shops, convenience stores, home improvement places, and if your device is running much slower than normal, be aware that someone else may be trying to connect with your device.

## Efficiency for the Holidays:

- 1) Don't ruin your holiday season - keep tabs on where your computing devices are! There is nothing worse than trying to get through airport connections and discover you have lost your phone or laptop somewhere along the way!! To even file a police report in a "sad" attempt to get your device back, most times, you will need to wait to return to your home before you can even report the incidence... and by then, your device is long, Long, LONG, GONE and so is your personal information, contacts, payment methods on your apps. etc. If this type of app is on your phone, at least this can help you to erase your data and protect your identity.

**Apple:** Find My iPhone app

**Google:** Google Find My Device app

- 2) With the significant increase in online holiday shopping and the turmoil with Amazon discontinuing its relationship with FedEx, the importance of knowing where your shipments and deliveries are at all times has never been greater!

Download these shipment tracking apps now [before your data usage increases during the holiday season]: **FedEx:** 800-463-3339 **UPS:** 800-742-5877 **USPS:** 800-610-8734