THE YOUNG GUARDIAN — GUIDE FOR YOUTH & TEENS

Your Tracker Card, your family channel, your job on the team · CHW EPT · Keep in your backpack

WHAT YOUR CARD DOES

Your Tracker Card is a small radio on your family's private network. It does two things: it lets your family **see your location** on the family map, and it lets you **send and receive messages** on your family's own channel — even when phones, Wi-Fi, and the power are down. Nobody outside your family can see it or read it.

YOUR THREE JOBS

1. **Carry it right.** Front pocket of your backpack, antenna side up. Not at the bottom under your books, not in a locker all day.
2. **Keep it charged.** Plug it in Sunday night and again mid-week — or whatever rhythm your family set. A dead card can't watch over anybody.
3. **Answer check-ins.** When your family checks in, you check back. Short is perfect: “OK — at school.” “OK — walking home now.”

THE THREE MESSAGES THAT MATTER

- **“I'M OK”** — after anything: a drill, a blackout, a storm, a scare. Send it first; details after.
- **“I NEED HELP”** — say where you are and what's wrong, in one short line. Then stay where you are if it's safe.
- **“I'M HERE”** — when you arrive somewhere new: school, practice, a friend's house, home.

THE RULES

- The channel is **family only**. Friends don't get added, codes don't get shared — that's what keeps it private.
- It's a safety tool, not a chat toy. Save the battery and the channel for messages that matter.
- Don't open it, soak it, or try to “fix” it. If it stops working, tell your family and the EPT team.
- **Lost it? Say so the same day.** No trouble — the team removes it from the channel and replaces it. Hiding a lost card is the only wrong move.
- Drills are practice for the real day. Take them seriously and you'll be the calmest person in the room when it counts.

REAL DANGER COMES FIRST: if a phone works, call **911**. Then message your family channel and find a trusted adult. Your card is a strong backup — it is not a replacement for getting help fast.

EPT nodes send text and location only — no voice. Range grows through relay nodes across the neighborhood. Young Guardian training is part of the package — the EPT team practices all of this with you in person. Guide v1 — November 2026.