

The **Permanent Change of Station(PCS) Survival Kit** is a tailored resource designed to help military families navigate the challenges of relocating. Moving can be overwhelming, but the kit provides essential tools, checklists, and tips to make the process smoother and more organized to help families adapt quickly to their new home and community.

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Important Documents:** Passports, birth certificates, marriage certificates, orders, medical records, vaccination records, and any legal paperwork.
- A Binder or File Organizer:** To keep everything in one place for easy access during the move.
- Medications:** Prescription and over-the-counter medications for at least a week.
- Basic Toiletries:** Toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, deodorant, and a razor.
- First Aid Kit:** Band-aids, antiseptic, pain relievers, and any allergy medications.
- Cash or Credit Card:** For unexpected expenses.
- Clothing:** At least 3-5 days' worth of clothes for each family member, including comfortable shoes.

CHILDREN'S ITEMS

- Favorite Toys/Comfort Items:** Stuffed animals, blankets, or anything that helps ease the transition.
- Entertainment:** Tablets, coloring books, puzzles, or activity kits for travel or downtime.
- Snacks:** Non-perishable, easy-to-eat snacks like granola bars or fruit pouches.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

- Basic Cleaning Supplies:** Sponges, multi-surface cleaner, paper towels, trash bags, and gloves for move-in cleaning.
- Paper Goods:** Toilet paper, paper towels, and disposable plates, utensils, and cups.
- Shower Curtain and Hooks:** A lifesaver for the first night when your things haven't arrived yet.

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PRACTICAL ITEMS

- Toolkit:** A small kit with a hammer, screwdriver, measuring tape, and nails/screws for assembling furniture.
- Basic Tools for Unpacking:** Scissors and box cutters.
- Extension Cords and Power Strips:** To handle temporary setups.
- Light Bulbs:** You never know when you'll need them in a new place.
- Duct Tape:** Versatile and handy for a variety of quick fixes.
- Flashlight:** For any unexpected power issues.

PET ITEMS

- Pet Records:** Vaccination records and any required certificates for travel.
- Pet Essentials:** Food, water, bowls, leashes, litter box, and comfort items.

COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE

- Air Mattress with Pump:** For sleeping before furniture arrives.
- Bedding:** Sheets, pillows, and blankets for the first few nights.
- Basic Kitchen Tools:** A pot, pan, spatula, and small cutting board for simple cooking.
- Portable Cooler:** For keeping drinks and snacks fresh on the go.
- Laundry Bag:** To keep clothes organized during the transition.

TECH AND CONNECTIVITY

- Wi-Fi Router:** To set up the internet quickly.
- Chargers and Power Banks:** For phones, tablets, and laptops.
- Notebook and Pen:** For jotting down information or plans.

PRO TIP: Pack it all in a rolling tote or a sturdy plastic bin so it's easy to move and access!

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