7 Reasons You Need Gold And Silver When Disaster Strikes?
If you have been following our YouTube interviews you will know that we are firm believers in keeping precious metals as security against disaster and threats. In recent years we have had a foretaste of what might happen if a widespread catastrophe hit the United States in some way.

We are going to look at some of the reasons you should think about keeping precious metals at home. We will be discovering how control, access, privacy, convenience, inheritance mitigation, portability, and home delivery, all play a part in securing your family safety net.

9/11, Hurricanes Irma, and Katrina all were different - but all had one thing in common - they exposed how vulnerable our infrastructure, and our modern way of living, is to disruption.

In the days after 9/11, for example, it was impossible to get to any ATM or bank branch in New York - and even if you did - all of them were shut. Hurricane Irma inflicted the same fate across a huge area of Florida for a few days. Katrina was even more devastating, as lots of cabling and communication lines were submerged for weeks.

The days after 9/11 saw a 14% fall (over 1,370 points) in the Dow, and neither the US Stock Exchange, nor NASDAQ, opened until 17th September - to make sure that there was no further catastrophic meltdown of the markets - this was the longest shutdown since 1933. Those five trading days cost the US economy around $1.4 trillion.
Anyone who has witnessed these events will know how difficult it becomes to get food, gas and other essentials. Prices spike, because deliveries become impossible. Ironically, Irma caused huge gas shortages in the state with the largest refining capacity in the country - a whole raft of facilities were closed because of the effects of the hurricane.

Computer systems were down everywhere – card transactions were impossible because none of the bank networks were functioning. Access to ATMs was also impossible. Even if the computers were working – nobody could physically get to the machines to replenish the cash to be dispensed.

Luckily, these were all single city, or single area events. Unlikely as it may seem, a string of earthquakes along a fault line, a nuclear strike by North Korea, a massive cyber attack on US computer systems, or even a physical assault on power or water supplies could lead to weeks – even months – of trouble.

Gold and silver are perfectly suited to being emergency funds. Even if they are not used; just stored as a precaution, they will keep their value, and you will be able to sell them on should you need future cash flow.
Let's run through the reasons we think you should be keeping some gold and silver at home:

1. **Control**: even though the money stored in the bank is your money you have to jump through hoops to get it back. You have to remember passwords, PINs, identity codes and other forms of ID at best. At worst you have to present passports, birth certificates and other types of proof of identity, just to get your own money back!

The bank does not keep your money separately. It puts it into a pool of funds which it then lends out, at high interest rates, to make profit. They will pay you cents on the dollar for using your money.

2. **Access**: closely allied to control, is the problem of physically getting hold of your money - especially in times of turmoil - many banks have been subject to “runs” over the years, and there are countless pictures of hapless account holders, queueing up in front of a shuttered bank, to try to get their money out.

Identity theft is a massive problem if you bank on the Internet. Anyone who has suffered this will tell you that it is a nightmare to sort out. It can take up to a year – and there is no guarantee that all of your money will be recovered – or that it will be compensated by the bank (regardless of whose fault it was). Of course, during the time that it is being investigated, your account is in lockdown, and you have no access whatsoever to your deposits.

3. **Privacy**: the flaws and glitches in any computer system allows not just access, but it also allows hackers, and third parties, to see exactly what you have in your accounts!

There are now Russian, and Chinese sites where it is possible to buy details of hacked accounts for a dollar a time. This allows criminals to be able to use your account information in ways which leave you highly vulnerable.

The other troubling aspect of privacy, is that government agencies, can also access your accounts – so it is becoming impossible to hide money online. Your holdings are as transparent as the security system you use.

4. **Convenience**: keeping gold or silver at home makes sense when it comes to having a means of payment, barter, or exchange, on hand at all times.

Silver coins can be used for day-to-day transactions, whilst leaving gold coins and bullion bars for larger transactions, or for the ease of taking large sums, in relatively small amounts. As gold and silver are priced the same way, worldwide, there are no exchange controls or exchange rate differences to deal with.

5. **Inheritance**: one of the best reasons for converting your assets to gold and silver, is your ability to be able to pass wealth on to your heirs without inheritance tax or any other commission or percentage being taken from your estate.

No third party need ever know the value of your holdings, where they are kept, or who has access to them. The value of your estate can be quietly transferred across to your beneficiaries with the minimum of fuss.

6. **Portability**: the ability to take your wealth, at a moment’s notice, is a priceless advantage should you have to flee across borders because of war, civil unrest, or infrastructure breakdown.

Gold, particularly, is easy to transport in small, high-value, amounts. The most common gold and silver coins are universally accepted and there are standard types which are well-known throughout precious metal circles. The metal content of these is carefully controlled and easily checked.

7. **Home delivery**: every time you collect cash from ATM, cash a cheque at the bank, or transfer money from one account to the other, you leave a trace of the transaction.

Having gold or silver shipped direct to your home, by secure, insured, and confidential delivery professionals, enables you to bypass any third-parties learning of your holdings. These can then be kept safely, by you, in a location known only to you, and those who need to know.

There are a wide variety of security systems, safes, vaults, and other methods of storing your gold at home – sleeping with it under your pillow is no longer your only option!
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