Lessons from the 2001 Argentina Monetary Collapse

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1. Your Home
   a. Security Measures
      i. Motion detector lights
      ii. Bars on windows
      iii. Reinforced Doors and other entries
      iv. Security systems and lights
      v. Dogs
      vi. Pepper spray and other non-lethal defenses
   b. Supplies
      i. Food and Water – Good food and containers
      ii. Toilet paper
      iii. Alternate fuels
      iv. Alternate energy systems
   c. Location
      i. Good neighbors close by (suburbs are best)
      ii. City is too crowded
      iii. Isolation is dangerous if you do not have higher numbers

2. Your Vehicle
   a. Type of vehicles
      i. Common vehicle for parts availability and low attention (Ford, Chev, Toyota)
      ii. High ground clearance for rough roads and escape over curbs etc.
      iii. Motorcycles and bicycles are vulnerable
      iv. Larger four-wheel drive is best
   b. Vehicle Maintenance
      i. Store parts, oil, and filters, etc.
      ii. Tires become hard to find
   c. Driving Techniques
      i. Always leave room for escape
      ii. Reverse escapes
      iii. Do not provide enticements (visible valuables)
      iv. Intentional or Imminent Contact

3. Your Gear and Supplies
   a. Home
      i. Food and Water
      ii. Firearms
iii. Lights and Batteries
iv. Cooking fuel and equipment, matches, lighters
v. Mosquito repellant and nets
vi. Disposable cups and dishes – saves water
vii. AM/FM, FMRS, CB, and HAM radios, corded phones
viii. Duct tape, glue, string, and cords and ropes
ix. Good set of tools
x. Generators and fuel containers

b. Every Day Carry
i. Gold chain and coins, Zippo lighter, folding defense knife, small LED flashlight, multi-tool pliers, safety glasses/sun glasses, OC defense spray, cell phone in zippered pouches to discourage pick pockets, extra batteries and small folding packet knife, pistol if legal, water bottle

c. Emergency Survival Kit
i. BIC lighter, led light, hair pins, safety pins, fire crackers, 3-feet of light wire, button compass, salt or rehydration tablets, fine grit sand paper for sharpening knives, 30 feet strong thread or dental floss and needle for sewing, notebook and pencil, cash (small bills), silver, pain medication, and first aid supplies, Ziploc bags, trash bags

d. Bug Out Bag
i. Candy and treats for quick energy, small radio, whistle match compartment flint gismo, duct tape, packing tape, note pad and pen, toilet paper. 3 each ½ liter bottles, 50 feet steel cable, 50 feet rope, First aid supplies, steel cup for cooking, 4 wick candle for cooking, tuna pouches, dehydrated soup pouches, drink mixes, sewing kit, soap, towel, toothbrush and tooth paste, deodorant, extra clothing, poncho, mosquito net and repellant, fire starter, lip balm, lotion, binoculars, wire saw, small shovel.

4. Your Money
a. Cash will still be very useful but it will be somewhat devalued, store a few month’s worth of cash
b. Gold and silver are a good way to store money, smaller coins and jewelry is best, dangerous to carry or show too much
c. Bartering is very useful
d. Be skilled to do and find useful work

5. Your People
a. Know your neighbors
b. Gather family if possible
c. Find useful friends, doctor, dentist, lawyer, judge, police, pharmacist, machinist, banker/currency broker, traders, business people and store owners
d. Do not be afraid or passive like a victim
e. Be confident and aware