

# Prepper Acronyms & Definitions

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## Acronyms

**4WD** – Four-Wheel Drive  
**AHBL** – All Hell Broke Loose  
**ALICE** – All Purpose Lightweight Individual Carrying Equipment  
**AO** – Area of Operation  
**APC** – Armored Personnel Carrier  
**BDS** – Brain Dead Sheep  
**BOB** – Bug Out Bag  
**BOHICA** – Bend Over, Here It Comes Again  
**BOG** – Bug Out Gun  
**BOL** – Bug Out Location  
**BOV** – Bug Out Vehicle  
**BSTS** – Better Safe Than Sorry  
**BUG** – Back Up Gun  
**CCP** – Concealed Carry Permit  
**CCW** – Concealed Carry Weapon  
**CHSH** – Could Have, Should Have  
**CME** – Coronal Mass Ejection (See also Carrington Event, below)  
**CQ** – Calling All Stations (Amateur Radio Term)  
**CUSH** – Could Use Some Help  
**CYA** – Cover Your Ass  
**EDC** – Every Day Carry  
**ELE** – Extinction Level Event  
**EOD** – End of Days  
**EOT** – End of Times  
**EMP** – Electromagnetic Pulse  
**FAK** – First Aid Kit  
**FIFO** – First In, First Out  
**FMJ** – Full Metal Jacket (ammunition)  
**FOOFF** – Fuck Off on Foot, Fast  
**FTE** - Failure to Eject  
**FTF** – Failure to Fire  
**FUBAR** – Fucked Up Beyond All Recognition  
**FUBB** – Fucked Up Beyond Belief  
**FWIW** – For What It's Worth  
**GHB** – Get Home Bag  
**GMO** – Genetically Modified Organism  
**GOOD** – Get Out of Dodge

**GSW** – Gun Shot Wound  
**HAM** – A term meaning an Amateur Radio Operator  
**HEMP** – High Altitude Electromagnetic Pulse  
**IAEFRTFD** – If All Else Fails, Read the Fucking Directions  
**IFAK** – Individual First Aid Kit  
**INCH** – I’m Never Coming Home  
**JHP** – Jacketed Hollow Point (ammunition)  
**JIC** – Just in Case  
**KISS** – Keep It Simple, Stupid  
**KMA** – Kiss My Ass  
**LEO** – Law Enforcement Officer  
**LGS** – Local Gun Shop  
**LRP** – Long Range Patrol  
**MAD** – Mutually Assured Destruction  
**MOLLE** – Modular Lightweight Load-Carrying Equipment  
**MOA** - Minute of Angle or Arc  
**MRE** – Meal, Ready-To-Eat  
**MSM** – Main Stream Media  
**NBC** – Nuclear, Biological, Chemical  
**NINJA** – No Income, No Job, No Assets  
**OPSEC** – Operational Security  
**PAW** – Post Apocalyptic World  
**PERK** – Personal Emergency Relocation Kit  
**PPPPPP** – Proper Prior Planning Prevents Piss Poor Performance  
**PSK** – Personal Survival Kit  
**RFN** – Right Fuckin’ Now  
**ROL** – Rule of Law (See also, WROL, below.)  
**SAK** – Swiss Army Knife  
**SHTF** – Shit Hits the Fan  
**SMH** – Shaking My Head  
**SNAFU** – Situation Normal, All Fucked Up  
**SOL** – Shit Out of Luck  
**SOP** – Standard Operating Procedure  
**SPORTS** –  
    **S** - Slap the bottom of the magazine firmly to make sure it is properly seated.  
    **P** - Pull the charging handle back.  
    **O** - Observe the round or brass ejecting then observe the chamber.  
    **R** - Release the charging handle.  
    **T** - Tap the forward assist to make sure the bolt is seated properly.  
    **S** - Squeeze the trigger

**TBTF** – Too Big to Fail

**TEOCAWKI** – The End of Civilization as We Know It

**TEOTWAWKI** – The End of The World as We Know It

**TNS** – Take No Shit

**TPTB** – The Powers That Be

**VB** – Vehicle Bag

**WROL** – Without Rule of Law

**WTF** – What the Fuck!

**YMMV** – Your Mileage May Vary

**YOLO** – You Only Live Once

**YOYO** – You Are on Your Own

## Word / Phrase Definitions

**72 Hour Bag** – Another name for a BOB. (See also BOB, above.)

**Alpha Strategy** – Storing supplies for survival or barter, after SHTF.

**Berkey** – A commercial water filtration system that can filter / purify water for personal / home needs. The high-end Berkey model, the “Crown Berkey” will filter up to 26 gallons per hour, at the current cost of \$625. This includes all 8 filters necessary to achieve this flow rate.

**Bugging In** – In most cases, you would be in your BOL already. If not, you have decided to stay put, wherever you, are during a SHTF scenario.

**Bugging Out** – You have decided to leave, or evacuate where you are located, in the event of a disaster. It would be best to have a BOB with you. If not, you may very well end up SOL.

**Carrington Event** – This is also known as “The Solar Storm Of 1859”. This was named after Richard Carrington, a British astronomer who first witnessed the event.

A CME (Coronal Mass Ejection) hit the Earth’s Magnetosphere, causing one of the most intense geomagnetic storms in known history. The storm burned out telegraph systems throughout the world. Telegraph systems sparked, often resulting in fires in the telegraph offices.

If a similar event were to occur today, with all the sensitive electronics and electrical systems we have around the world, it could, almost literally, send the world back into the Dark Ages.

**Doomer** – A person who believes disaster is coming and chaos will follow. A hardcore prepper.

**Faraday Cage** – A metal enclosure, either a solid container or made from screen, if designed, properly constructed and grounded, will protect sensitive electronic equipment against an EMP.

**FIAT** – World issued currencies. They may not be worth the paper they are printed on, if a major world changing event occurs.

**Genny / Genset** – Generator. A combination of engine and alternator. Portable or permanently mounted power generation equipment located where grid power may not be available. A backup generator should be part of your off-grid, or SHTF plan at your BOL.

**Grid Down** – A situation where the power grid has failed, possibly due to an EMP or an CME.

**Mall Ninja** – A person who values style over substance. (See also NINJA, above.)

**(MOA) Minute of Angle or Arc** – 1 MOA closely matches 1" at 100 yards. Rifle shooters often call a 1" group fired at 100 yards distance a "1-MOA group." While MOA remains constant, the group sizes increases with distance. 1" at 100 yards will be 2" at 200 yards, 3" at 300 yards, etc.

**Molon Labe** – Ancient Greek, translated means "Come and take them."

**Paracord** – Parachute cord. The stuff has a thousand and one uses. Proper paracord is very strong, with a minimum breaking strength of 550 pounds.

**Prepper** – A person who is always prepared for the worst.

**Preps** – Preparations, what you have, or have done, to prepare for SHTF scenarios.

**Rendezvous Point** – A predetermined location to meet your family, or others in your group.

**Rule of Threes** – You can live three minutes without oxygen, three days without water, and three weeks without food.

**Sheeple** – People who follow others blindly, and do not think for themselves. This includes, but is not limited to, Liberals, Socialists and my favorite group of people, Millennials.

**Shelf Life** – The useful life of a product you store for SHTF situations. Keep FIFO in mind, when storing foods with expiration dates on the packaging.

**Survival Cache** – The collection of things you will need in the event of a SHTF situation, stored and hidden at, or en route to, your BOL. It is best if this information is only known to you.

**Two Is One, One Is None** – Murphy's Law will always arrive at the most inopportune times. So, it is best to have two plans, rather than one, in case ol' Murphy shows up.

**Zombies** – No. Not the ones you see in movies and on television. These are the poor souls who were too naive to plan, or to prepare in advance, for a SHTF situation. Often, these same naïve souls look upon preppers as though **we** are the stupid, or crazy ones.