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Practical information for your first weeks in Dubai

A smooth arrival is a sequence: identity, reachable contact details, temporary access to money and housing, then verified long-term services.

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The first weeks can involve immigration steps, Emirates ID, a mobile number, banking, insurance, housing and transport at the same time. Avoid locking every decision before you understand the city and before official records are available.

Travel with accessible digital and paper copies of the documents that establish identity, family relationships, qualifications, employment and insurance. Store backups securely and separately from the originals.

Key facts

POLICE	999
AMBULANCE	998
FIRE / CIVIL DEFENCE	997

Build a staged arrival plan

Use reputable temporary accommodation with a clear address and flexible end date. Maintain a payment method that works internationally and enough accessible funds for deposits and setup costs. Confirm airport transfer and mobile connectivity before landing.

Create a dependency map: residence enables Emirates ID; identity and contact information support banking and contracts; a verified tenancy supports Ejari and utility activation. The exact sequence varies, but understanding dependencies prevents repeated visits.

Set up the official digital layer

Register and secure UAE PASS when eligible, then install official DubaiNow, RTA, DEWA and Dubai REST applications as needed. Verify publishers and domains. Keep the UAE mobile number active because service notifications and verification often depend on it.

Record every application and account number. Use calendar reminders for residence, ID, insurance, tenancy and vehicle dates. A simple administration system reduces the cost of missed renewals.

Prepare for climate and local norms

Dubai's summer heat affects walking, exercise, vehicle safety and daily scheduling. Hydrate, use sun protection and do not leave children, vulnerable people or animals in a parked car. Follow official weather warnings and avoid flooded roads during unusual conditions.

The UAE is diverse but governed by local law and social expectations. Respect privacy, obtain consent before photographing people, act carefully online and follow rules for alcohol, medicines, public behaviour and workplace conduct. Use the UAE Government portal for current legal guidance.

Save essential contacts

The UAE Government lists 999 for police, 998 for ambulance, 997 for fire, 996 for coastguard and 991 for electricity failure. Save your insurer, building management, employer, bank and consulate or embassy contacts as appropriate.

Know the exact address, building name and nearest landmark for home and work. Share an emergency plan with family members and keep critical medical information accessible.

Practical checklist

- Carry secure document copies
- Keep flexible initial housing
- Maintain backup payment access
- Set up verified official apps
- Record exact addresses and contacts
- Create renewal and emergency plans

Official sources

SOURCE CHECK Official UAE government references. Links verified 4 August 2026.

1. **Dubai Government: Living in Dubai**
2. **UAE Government: Handling emergencies**
3. **UAE PASS**
4. **DubaiNow**

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2. Reconcile the accounts, tax adjustments and supporting evidence.
3. Document ownership, review and approval before filing.

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