

# Be Ready When Disaster Hits

Here are the proper precautions to take and things to consider in preparation for a natural disaster.

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- The first thing you can do is to be aware of which type of disasters actually occur where you live. Find out here: <https://www.ready.gov/be-informed>

## Prepare a family plan for when disaster hits. Consider:

- How you will receive the notification of the disaster. Do you subscribe to emergency alerts & warnings via mobile device, or will you follow local news stations?
- What will be your plan for shelter?
- How will you choose to evacuate (if necessary or advised)?
- How will you maintain communication with your family, loved ones or those you live with?

## What are your household needs that you must prepare? Consider:

- Different ages of members of your household and family
- Responsibilities you might have for assisting others inside or outside your household
- Locations you frequent
- Dietary needs
- Medical needs, which includes prescribed drugs and equipment
- Disabilities & any access difficulty
- Functional needs, including devices & equipment
- Languages spoken among those in your household
- Cultural & religions preferences and obligations among those in your household
- Pets or service animals
- Household needs for school-aged children

## Complete an Emergency Plan for your family/house-hold

- Use this helpful link to drafting a proper emergency plan: [https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1440449346150-1ff18127345615d8b7e1effb4752b668/Family\\_Comm\\_Plan\\_508\\_20150820.pdf](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1440449346150-1ff18127345615d8b7e1effb4752b668/Family_Comm_Plan_508_20150820.pdf)

## Practice your plan!

- An important key to proper preparedness is practice. Familiarize your family or household with the drafted Emergency Plan

you've drafted.

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