

COULD YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER FOR AT LEAST THREE DAYS?

In an emergency, government services and utilities may be impacted and you should have food, water and emergency supplies on hand for at least three days.

BE AWARE

The District is vulnerable to a variety of hazards including hurricanes, floods, winter storms, power outages, acts of terrorism and others. Each of these hazards presents different challenges, so you and your family need to be prepared.

Would you know what to do to prepare for a hurricane or winter storm? What if there was an active shooter on campus? Be aware of the risks so you can be better prepared.

To learn more about the possible threats facing our area visit <http://hsema.dc.gov/readydc>.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY BEFORE AN EMERGENCY:

- Understand the different hazards the District is vulnerable to.
- Be aware of your surroundings wherever you go.
- Report any suspicious or unusual circumstances to authorities.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER AN EMERGENCY:

Emergencies and disasters can strike anyone, anytime and anywhere. They can happen quickly and without warning, and they can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or require you to stay in your home. It is vital that you understand what a disaster could mean for you and your family. Learning the District's evacuation routes and shelter locations and knowing in advance how you will reconnect with family and friends are just two of the steps you can take before the next disaster occurs. Each person's needs and abilities are different, but every individual can take important steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies and to put plans in place. Get ready now.



GET READY, DC!

KEEPING YOUR FAMILY SAFE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER AN EMERGENCY



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MAKE A PLAN

When disaster strikes, each of your family members may have very different needs; you must account for anything from diapers and formula to motorized wheelchairs or specialized medical devices. Plan now, so that you are ready if the time ever comes.

- Family ([short link](#))
- Pets ([short link](#))
- Seniors ([short link](#))
- Persons with Disabilities and Access and Functional Needs ([short link](#))
- And don't forget your House or Home ([short link](#))

Disasters can strike at any time. Everyone in your family should know what to do and where to meet if an emergency occurs.

Having a plan is perhaps the most important way you can help yourself and your family in the case of a disaster or emergency, or in preparation for one of the many special events we host here in the District. Be sure you plan now for all of your family members.

BUILD A KIT

Part of your planning process should be to make an Emergency Kit. Having this kit ready now can save you valuable time in the event that you and your family need to evacuate. Your Emergency Kit is like a toolbox, equipping you with all of the supplies and information you need in the short-term.

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An Emergency Kit should be placed in a sturdy container large enough to hold all your supplies. A backpack or wheeled suitcase is the best choice because they are also both easy to carry.

The Kit should contain; a three-day supply of water and food, a flashlight, first aid kit, battery powered radio, any medications or prescriptions, a change of clothes, a few tools, copies of important documents, your family's contact information (phone numbers, email, etc.) and any special items needed for you or your family members. Although this list is not comprehensive, it will give you an idea of where to begin.

For the complete checklist visit ([short link](#)).

STAY INFORMED

Before, during and after a disaster, listen for the most up-to-date, local information from emergency officials. Local media will convey instructions from District officials through the following resources:

Go to [ReadyDC.gov](#) for more info!

- Sign up for Alert DC: Visit [Alertdc.dc.gov](#) to sign up to receive alerts through text messaging/SMS, email or cell phone.
- Listen to the Radio: Tune in to the following radio stations, which will broadcast official information and instructions from the District government.

WTOP 103.5 FM	WJZW 105.9 FM
WPRS 104.1 FM	WMAL 630 AM
WKYS 93.9 FM	WPGC 95.5 FM
- Watch Local TV News: Tune in to Cable Channels 13, 16 or your local news station to receive alerts and updates.
- Download the App: The HSEMA mobile app contains important information you can use before, during and after an emergency or disaster. The tools in this app help ensure that no matter where you are or what you are doing you'll be prepared. The app is free to download through the GooglePlay Store and the Apple App Store.



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