



Purpose

The National Guard (NG) Emergency Management (EM) program is responsible for all activities and operations related to preparing for, mitigating the potential effect of, preventing, responding to, and recovering from all multi-agency and/or multi-jurisdictional emergencies on or impacting NG installations nationwide. The NG EM Program functions within an all-hazards environment consisting of all natural, technological (man-made), and terrorism hazards.

Vision

To provide the NG EM services when and where they are needed with the joint and interagency capacity necessary to effectively and efficiently protect the NG community and mission capabilities from all hazards.

Mission

To provide integrated and comprehensive NG EM services necessary to protect our community and mission capabilities from all hazards in a cost effective, implementable, and sustainable manner through resiliency.



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American Red Cross
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Federal Emergency Management Agency

National Poison Control Center
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National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



September has been designated as National Preparedness Month and will be the focus for this month's bulletin. It is held each year to encourage Americans to take simple actions to prepare for emergencies. America's PrepareAthon is an opportunity for individuals and communities to prepare for specific hazards through group discussions, drills, and exercises. It is a campaign to increase community preparedness and resilience. Join others around the country to practice your preparedness!

Please utilize the information in this month's bulletin to help you prepare emergency plans for your family. The best time to prepare is before the event happens. Always Remember, "Be Prepared".

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LANG EM WEB Page:
<http://geauxguard.la.gov/resources/emergency-management/>





National Preparedness Month

The NPM theme this year is “Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead. You Can”. We can all take action to prepare. This year’s themes focus on the NPM goal to increase the overall number of individuals, families and communities that engage in preparedness actions at home, work, business, school, and places of worship.

The 2017 National Preparedness Month Weekly Themes are:

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| Week 1: September 1-9 | Make a plan for Yourself, Family and Friends |
| Week 2: September 10-16 | Plan to Help Your Neighbor and Community |
| Week 3: September 17-23 | Practice and Build Out Your Plans |
| Week 4: September 24-30 | Get Involved! Be a Part of Something Larger |

Emergencies, by definition, leave little or no time to react. The increased threat of terrorism and naturally occurring disasters demonstrate the need for our Guard Community to be prepared for any emergency.

To help prepare the Guard Community for all hazards, Ready Army encourages everyone to – Be informed. Make a plan. Build a Kit. Get involved. The Army’s campaign expands upon the national Ready campaign to provide targeted information to support the unique needs of our Guard community stationed around the world.

The Guard recognizes the continued commitment and sacrifice that Soldiers and their Families make every day. Ready Army supports that commitment by strengthening our Army community and the peace of mind of our deployed Soldiers, who can focus on their critical duties knowing their loved ones know what to do if an emergency strikes.

Soldiers take care of Soldiers; Guard Families take care of Guard Families; and in the Guard, we take care of each other. This underlying compassion creates an attitude that we are in this together. Instituting emergency preparedness and education programs such as Ready Army helps prepare the entire Army Community; and a prepared community saves lives.



For more information about disasters, preparedness, and ways to get involved in America’s PrepareAthon!, go to: <https://www.fema.gov/plan-prepare>

For more information visit www.ready.gov/september

Week 1: September 1-9

Make a Plan for Yourself, Family & Friends

Make and practice a Family emergency plan. Consider the range of potential emergencies and all the places you and your Family might be. Some emergencies require different responses than others, but a Family communications procedure will be helpful in any case. Knowing how to keep in touch and find one another will help your Family stay safe and cope with the confusion and fear that come when emergencies strike.



[Printer friendly Family Emergency Plan](#)

Making a plan is simple...just think of the 5 W's!

Who: Gather input from all members of your Family to consider all possibilities and make them more likely to remember important steps when an emergency happens. Choose a contact person, a Family member or friend living somewhere else whom you can all contact in the case of an event.

What: Plan for all hazards that could affect your Family, considering potential hazards and weather patterns in your region. Think through each possible emergency situation, and determine how your Family should respond.

Where: Think about all the places you and your Family may be throughout the day, such as home, office, school and in transit. Establish meeting places and discuss situations to use them.

When: Because emergencies can happen at any time, make your Family emergency plan immediately. Review the plan annually and whenever there are major changes in your Family situation, schedule or activities.

Why: Emergencies are unpredictable and scary. By establishing and practicing a Family emergency plan, you and your Family are more likely to find each other quickly and help one another get through the emergency situation safely and with less worry.

Practice Your Plan

Making an emergency plan is just the first step; you should practice it at least twice a year. Describe to Family members a hypothetical event and tell them to follow the Family emergency plan. Practice gathering your emergency kit and important documents, communicating with one another and meeting at a designated place. Afterwards, discuss the actions you took and how the plan would change in a different type of emergency.





FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN



Your Family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan what you will do in different situations and plan how you will contact one another.

Family Evacuation Procedure

Where the Family will meet near home: _____ Phone: _____
Alternate meeting place if access is blocked: _____ Phone: _____

Family Communications Procedure

- Fill in the information below. Add other important information to suit your Family's circumstances.
- Keep this plan with your emergency supplies kit, along with your command's standard and emergency reporting procedures.
- Ensure all Family members have the most important contact information for each other.

Where Your Family Spends Time

Work: _____	Work: _____	School: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Evac Location: _____	Evac Location: _____	Evac Location: _____
School: _____	Other: _____	Other: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Evac Location: _____	Evac Location: _____	Evac Location: _____

Contact Information

Out-of-Town Contact: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Family Members

Name: _____	Birth Date: _____	SSN: _____	DL#: _____
Passport #: _____	Prescription/Medical Info: _____		
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Name: _____	Birth Date: _____	SSN: _____	DL#: _____
Passport #: _____	Prescription/Medical Info: _____		



Family Members (Continued)

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ SSN: _____ DL#: _____
 Passport #: _____ Prescription/Medical Info: _____
 Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ SSN: _____ DL#: _____
 Passport #: _____ Prescription/Medical Info: _____
 Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ SSN: _____ DL#: _____
 Passport #: _____ Prescription/Medical Info: _____

Command Information

Insurance Policy Numbers and Contacts

Medical/Dental: _____ Homeowners/Renters: _____
 Automobile: _____ Life: _____

Provisions for Utilities

In various emergency situations, whether you evacuate or shelter-in-place, you may be advised to cut off ventilation systems or utilities. Write the locations of, and instructions for, these controls and any tools necessary to change them. (Like fire and evacuation plans, this is a good thing to review and practice with the whole family.)

Electricity: _____ Gas: _____
 Water: _____ Ventilation: _____

Important Records

Use checklists to help collect important papers to keep with your emergency supplies kit for ready access in case of evacuation.

Personal

- Military ID Cards
- Social Security Cards
- Citizenship Papers
- Vehicle Registration/ownership records
- Birth Certificates
- Passports
- Medical Records
- Marriage License; divorce records
- Wills
- Power(s) of Attorney (Personal/Property)

Financial

- Bank statements
- Bills (Electricity, Water, Gas)
- Tax returns, property tax statements
- Credit/debit statements
- Health Insurance cards/records
- Investment/retirement account records
- Mortgage statement or lease
- Other insurance records
- Income records (including government benefits, child support, alimony)

Accountability Reporting Information

Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (ADPAAS)

Other Information Sources

- Army One Source: <https://www.myarmyonesource.com/default.aspx>
- Safe and Well List: www.redcross.org/find-help/contact-family
- Recover Resources: <https://www.fema.gov/recovery-resources>
- Army Emergency Relief: www.aerhq.org
- Military OneSource: www.militaryonesource.mil
- Federal Emergency Management Agency: <https://www.fema.gov/>
- Mississippi Emergency Management Agency: www.MSEMA.org/
- Ready Army: <http://www.acsim.army.mil/readyarmy/>





Family Communication Plan

Let them know
you're OK!

Pick the same person for each family member to contact. It might be easier to reach someone who's out of town.

Emergencies can happen at any time. Does your family know how to get in touch with each other if you are not all together?

Before an emergency happens, have a family discussion to determine who would be your out-of-state point of contact, and where you would meet away from your home — both in the neighborhood and within your town.

Important Information

Fill in this information and keep a copy in a safe place, such as your purse or briefcase, your car, your office, and your disaster kit. Be sure to look it over every year and keep it up to date.

Out-of-Town Contact

Name: _____
 Home: _____
 Cell: _____
 Email: _____
 Facebook: _____
 Twitter: _____

Neighborhood Meeting Place:

Regional Meeting Place:

Work Information

Workplace: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Facebook: _____
 Twitter: _____
 Evacuation Location: _____

School Information

School: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Facebook: _____
 Twitter: _____
 Evacuation Location: _____

Workplace: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Facebook: _____
 Twitter: _____
 Evacuation Location: _____

School: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 Facebook: _____
 Twitter: _____
 Evacuation Location: _____

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 Twitter: _____
 Evacuation Location: _____



<http://www.ready.gov/kids>



Family Communication Plan

Emergencies can happen at any time. Do you know how to get in touch with your family if you are not together?

Let them know you're OK!
Pick the same person for each family member to contact. It might be easier to reach someone who's out of town.

Text, don't talk!

Unless you are in immediate danger, send a text. Texts often have an easier time getting through during emergencies, and you don't want to tie up phone lines needed by emergency responders (like 911).



Know the Numbers!

Home: _____

Parent: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

Parent: _____

Cell: _____

Work: _____

My cell: _____

Sibling: _____

Cell: _____

Sibling: _____

Cell: _____

Adult: _____

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Neighbor: _____

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Neighbor: _____

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Out of state friend/relative: _____

Home: _____

Cell: _____

Memorize your home and parents' cell phone numbers!



Cut this out and keep it somewhere safe like your backpack, school notebook, or wallet. Or input these numbers into your cell phone if you have one.



<http://www.ready.gov/kids>



Know Where to Go... and How to Get There.

Pick a Meeting Spot

Where will you meet up with your family if you have to get out of your house quickly? Where will you meet if your neighborhood is being evacuated and you're not at home?

In your neighborhood:

(such as neighbor's house or big tree)

Out of your neighborhood:

(such as the library or house of worship)

Draw a Map

Put a Δ to show your home. Put a O to show your school. Mark your out-of-neighborhood meeting spot with an X and label it.

Know the Exits

Do you know two ways out of every room in your house in case of a fire? Draw a floor plan of your bedroom in the space below and circle the two ways to get out. Hint: one may not be a door!



<http://www.ready.gov/kids>

Week 2: September 10-16

Plan to help your Neighbor and Community American Public Health Association

Are you prepared to help your neighbors during an emergency? According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, in 95 percent of emergencies, the victim or a bystander provides the first immediate assistance. Being ready and knowing how to react can make a big impact and even save lives.

Here are some quick tips for helping those in need during an emergency:

Start by making sure that you and your family are prepared. [Keep your emergency kits stocked](#) and in a safe, accessible place. Have a plan for where your family will meet and how to contact each other if phones or electricity are down. It will be hard to help others if you are too worried about yourself and your loved ones.



Get to know your neighbors. Learn more about them and spread the word about preparedness. Keep an eye out for those who will be able to assist you in [helping those with disabilities](#), special needs or physical limitations. If there are caretakers or family who visit regularly, be sure to say hello to them as well. You could be a vital lifeline in the event they are not able to visit for several days.

Prepare for company. When creating your emergency kit, add some extras in case you need to take in your neighbors or your in-laws happen to be in town that weekend. That includes food, water, blankets and other necessities, such as toilet paper. Don't forget entertainment, either. While adults might get by with a deck of cards, [kids without TV](#) may need something to stay occupied. Activities that don't waste batteries and are suitable for groups will work best. Get certified in CPR and first aid. According to the American Heart Association, 88 percent of cardiac arrests occur in the home, but less than a third of Americans are properly prepared to administer CPR. Check with your local American Red Cross chapter or volunteer center for [CPR classes](#).

Volunteer with [National Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster](#), [Community Emergency Response Team](#), [Red Cross](#) or other organizations active in emergency response and preparedness. Such groups offer numerous free training opportunities ranging from CPR and basic preparedness to shelter management and urban search and rescue. Commitment levels can also vary based on skills and your availability.

See the fact sheets from the American Public Health Association on [building a stockpile](#), [activities and information for kids](#), and [preparedness tips for people with disabilities](#) to learn more about how you can help your neighbors in a disaster.



Week 3: September 17-23 Practice and Build Out Your Plans

- Complete an [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit \(EFFAK\)](#)
- Maintain emergency savings for use in case of an emergency
- Participate in an emergency drill
- Know how to access community resources (e.g., shelters, food banks)



Social Media Content

- What important docs should you have in your emergency kit? The Emergency Financial First Aid Kit explains them all: <https://go.usa.gov/xNhp6> #NatlPrep
- How will you pay your bills if a disaster strikes? Disasters don't plan ahead, you can: www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness #NatlPrep
- Maintain emergency savings in case of a disasters. #PlanAhead #NatlPrep
- Do you know how to access community resources where you live? Search online today. #NatlPrep
- Make digital copies of important documents and save them on the cloud or a secure cell phone app in case disaster strikes. #PlanAhead #NatlPrep
- Have at least a one-week supply of medications. #NatlPrep
- Flood insurance policies have a 30-day waiting period before they go into effect. Plan now for floods www.floodsmart.gov #PlanAhead #NatlPrep
- Give yourself financial peace of mind & create an emergency savings account that can be used in a crisis. #natlprep
- Financial prep tip: gather & store critical personal, household, & medical information for easy access during a disaster. #natlprep





Week 4: September 24-30

Get Involved! Be a Part of Something Larger

- Get your [campus](#), [business](#), [faith-based organization](#) and community organization prepared for an emergency
- Join [Weather Ready Nation](#)
- Sign up for [Ready Business Workshop](#)

Social Media Content

Ready Business

- Get involved and share preparedness info in your community, faith-based organization, business & more: www.ready.gov #PlanAhead #NatlPrep
- 40% of businesses never recover after a disaster. Watch this video and #PlanAhead: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U0EFYKGn50&feature=youtu.be> #NatlPrep
- Develop a preparedness program for your business to plan for & reduce the impact of disasters: www.ready.gov/business
- Planning ahead for disasters can be the difference between going out of business and running a successful one. #NatlPrep

Ready Campus

- Make sure your campus is a #ReadyCampus and prepared for all types of emergencies. Get involved: www.ready.gov/campus #NatlPrep
- Make sure your school has emergency procedures in place for disasters that could affect your campus. #NatlPrep
- Know how to get in touch with family/friends if phones are down. Text instead of call and mark yourself as safe on social media. #NatlPrep
- If you can't get in touch with family/friends after a disaster, register yourself as "Safe and Well" on the [Red Cross' website](#) #NatlPrep
- Sign up to receive alerts from your school in case of an emergency like an active shooter event or natural disaster. #NatlPrep

Faith-Based Preparedness

- Keep your congregation safe – make sure your house of worship has a plan for all types of emergencies. #NatlPrep
- Faith-based venues can become targets. Protect your congregation & house of worship by preparing for emergencies: www.fema.gov/faith-resources #PlanAhead
- Take steps to protect your house of worship from arson. Illuminate the exterior/entrances and clear anything that could fuel fire. #NatlPrep