Weather and Natural Disasters

This Risk Map highlights locations of some of the major weather and natural disasters across the United States.

- Most areas in the country are affected by floods and earthquakes.
- Tornadoes occur primarily in the Midwest and South.
- Since hurricanes form over ocean waters, they occur along coastlines.
- Tsunamis are specific to the West Coast and islands south of the United States.

PREPARE FOR A WEATHER OR NATURAL DISASTER EMERGENCY

1. Become familiar with your organization’s weather and natural disaster emergency plan.
2. Learn about the alarm system and any distinctive alarms used in the case of a weather or natural disaster emergency.
3. Know the location of emergency supplies such as non-perishable food, bottled water, battery-powered radios, first aid supplies, flashlights, batteries, duct tape, plastic sheeting and plastic garbage bags.
4. Be aware of the reliable external sources for up-to-date weather and natural disaster information.
5. Know the difference between a weather watch and weather warning.