Welcome

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Preparedness Checklist

1. Make and practice your family emergency plan
2. Build an emergency kit
3. Be informed
4. Know your neighbors
MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

YOUR PLAN

• How will you communicate?
• What is your evacuation route?
• Where are safe places in your home, neighborhood, and school?
• Practice your plan

PREPARING YOUR HOME

• Install safety features (smoke detectors, carbon monoxide, etc.)
• Post emergency numbers in plain view.
• Know how and when to turn off utilities.
BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

**GO BAG**
- Copies of your important papers
- First aid kit
- Radio with extra batteries
- Toiletries / clothes / blankets
- Food & Water
- Cash

**STAY AT HOME KIT**
- Water & food (7 days)
- Radio with extra batteries
- Flashlights / tools
- Plastic sheeting / tarps
- Fire extinguisher
- Camp stove / Sterno
- Cash
- Plywood for windows
BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

PET EMERGENCY KIT
• Immunization records
• Strong leash/ collar
• Pet carrier
• Current photo of pets / microchip Information
• Food & water
• Pet first aid kit

UNIQUE FAMILY NEEDS
• Medications
• Special care items
• Infant formula
• Diapers
Be Informed

Emergency Information

• Local TV & Radio
• Official social media
• Emergency Alert System
• NOAA Weather Radio

Alert Systems

• Wireless Emergency Alerts
  • Emergency Notifications right to your cell phone
  • No sign up is required
  • You can manage the types of alerts you get on your phone’s settings.
  • Ready.gov/alerts
KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

• Strong communities recover faster
• Neighbors can be a resource
• Sharing supplies and skills can help you recover faster

PREPARE YOUR COMMUNITY

• CERT
• Neighborhood Ready
• OEM Publications & Materials
People with Functional or Access Needs

**Build a Support System**

• Enlist the help of friends, neighbors, family, caretakers
• Know what accommodations you need for your daily activities
• Know what special items should be in your kit
NATURAL HAZARDS

- Hurricanes
- Tornadoes
- Thunderstorms
- Lightning
- Flooding
- Extreme heat or freeze
- Public health threats

KNOW THE TERMS

- **Severe Thunderstorm Watch** – Severe thunderstorms are possible
- **Severe Thunderstorm Warning** – Severe thunderstorms are imminent or occurring
Natural Hazards — Before Severe Weather

- Purchase Flood Insurance
- Find out your Flood Risk
- Get a Weather Alert Radio
**Human-Caused Hazards**

- Hazardous Materials
  - If you see a hazardous materials incident, call 911.
  - Avoid the incident site.
  - Stay upstream, upwind, and uphill.
  - Shut off ventilation systems.
  - Listen for official information.

- Chemical, Biological and Radiological Threats
  - These are intentional uses of substances to cause death or injury.
  - This may be paired with an explosive device.
  - Seek shelter from the effects and listen for official information.
What is an Active Shooter?

An active shooter is an individual aggressively engaged in killing or attempting to kill in a confined and populated area.

The situation occurs rapidly and without warning.

Most end in less than 15 minutes so the arrival of Law Enforcement may have little effect on the outcome.

Individuals need to prepare physically and mentally to respond to an active shooter incident.
Preparation

Don’t assume it will never happen to you!

• Be aware of your surrounding at all times along with any possible dangers
  • Blocked Exits
  • Broken Locks
  • Unlighted Areas

• Know your exact workplace address
  • Street address, suite number, etc.

• Have an escape plan, same as in a fire.
  • Look for at least two exits for any facility you visit or work in.
  • Work as a team to pre-plan for these types of incidents. For instance, what is a safe location to assemble once you escape?
Indicators of Potential Workplace Violence

- Increased drug or alcohol use
- Increased unexplained absenteeism
- Decreased attention to appearance & hygiene
- Depression/Withdrawal
- Resistance/overreaction to policy changes
- Repeated policy violations
- Increased severe mood swings
- Unstable emotional responses.
- Explosive unprovoked outbursts

- Suicidal comments; Desire “to put things in order”
- Paranoid type behavior. “Everyone is against me”
- Increased talk of problems at home
- Domestic problems escalating into the workplace.
- Severe financial problems
- Talk of past incidents of violence
- Empathy with individuals who commit violent acts.
- Increased interest in firearms and other weapons.
Winter Weather
February 2021

Houston Region
Supply Chain Group
Supply Chain Group
Public & Private Partnership

**Membership**

- 5-Counties
- 5-Cities
- 11-State & National Retailers
- 5-Telecommunication Companies
- 2-Energy Distribution Companies
- 9-Local & State Associations
- 5-State & Federal Entities
- 2-Railroad Companies
- 2-Ports
Synergy in action

- Monthly Meetings
- Focus Group Initiatives
- Significant Event Response
Winter Storm Uri

February 13-17, 2021

- 75% of Texas Power Generation Affected
- 3.5 million Texans without Power
- Power Outages & Freezing Temperatures caused widespread distribution to water distribution
- Boil Water Orders in most cities across the State
- 33 Houston Area Deaths
- ~5.711 Damaged Residences and Businesses
Emergency Restoration Process
- Jurisdiction Essential Functions
- Power Zones
- Telecommunications Priorities
- Essential Services
  - Water
  - Grocery
  - Pharmacy
- Cataloging Important Assets in the Houston Region
Operational Phase

- Often Business to Business
- Coordinating Efforts Between Jurisdictions and Supply Chain Partners
- Power & Telecommunication
- Food and Water
Recovery Phase

- (Still Operating in Below Freezing Temperatures)
- Shelters & Warming Centers
- Food for Emergency Services
- Grocery Store Recovery
- Telecommunications Restoration
- Power Stability
- Water Needs
- Donations Management
After Action Review

- Severe Weather Workshop Series 2020
- Laura Response
- Winter Weather February 2021
  - Pre-Survey
  - Discussion Format
Getting Started

Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans
Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101, Compilation of Checklists
September 2021

FEMA

• Develop and maintain an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) or for businesses Emergency Response Plan
  • Organized and user-friendly
  • Have a smooth progression
  • Consistency throughout the document
  • Easy to use
  • Promote coordination with partners
  • All-inclusive
A Continuity Plan allows continuation of essential functions during any incident that disrupts services.

A collection of resources, actions, procedures, and information that are developed and tested.

Addresses the recovery of critical and essential facility operations.

- On a short-term basis, like a power failure; or
- For a longer term, such as in a natural disaster, when services are impacted for several days or even weeks.
Emergency Preparedness Program

- Emergency Response Plan or EOP
- Continuity Plan
- Risk Management Plan
- Crisis Communications Plan
Thank you!

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