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Preparedness An everyday task for everyday life

Being prepared for emergencies is crucial at home, school, work and in your community.

Disaster can strike quickly and without warning. It can force you to evacuate your neighborhood, workplace or school or can confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services – water, gas, electricity or telephones – were cut off?

Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster, but they cannot reach everyone right away. The best way to make you and your family safer is to be prepared before disaster strikes. We encourage you to:

- Get a Kit
- Make a Plan
- Be Informed

You can also Get a Kit, Make a Plan, and Be Informed by taking the [Be Red Cross Ready online educational presentation](#).

"Red Cross Talk"
Straight talk from the Red Cross. Take a moment and listen to some simple, down-to-earth advice on how you and your family can become safer, healthier and more resilient in the face of an emergency.

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- **Preparedness: A Family Guide Brochure** Available with Clorox
- **Family Safety Planning Guide** Available with Target
- **Pandemic Flu** - Learn the facts and get prepared
- **2007 Hurricane Guide** with The Home Depot
- **What's your RQ (Readiness Quotient)?** with the Council for Excellence in Government



Tip of the Day

Be Alert

Did you pull the battery out of your smoke alarm the last time you used your oven broiler? Take a minute to check it and reconnect it if you did. Or, swap out the battery with a new one, if you haven't replaced the battery within the last 12 months.

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