

Emergencies  
can be  
**sudden**  
and  
**unexpected...**

Ready Virginia is a statewide public education effort to prepare Virginians for all hazards through educational materials and an interactive Web site.



...and not every disaster shows up in the weather forecast.

For more information about this brochure or about the Ready Virginia campaign, call (866) 782-3470 or e-mail [pio@vdem.virginia.gov](mailto:pio@vdem.virginia.gov).

Get your family ready for any emergency in 3 easy steps:



Get ready now.

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[www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov)

- ✓ Get a kit
- ✓ Make a plan
- ✓ Stay informed

Local contact information:

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Visit [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov) to find your local emergency management office.



## Get a kit

Have basic supplies on hand.

It could take days for help to arrive if businesses close, fallen trees block roads and power goes out in your area.

You should have supplies to last at least three days, including:

- Three gallons of water per person
- Canned or packaged food
- Battery-powered radio
- First aid kit
- Flashlight
- Manual can opener
- Extra batteries
- Toiletries
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Prescription medications
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled members of the household

A complete list of emergency supplies, planning worksheets and information about hazards that can impact Virginia are available at [www.ReadyVirginia.gov](http://www.ReadyVirginia.gov).



## Make a plan

Know how to contact loved ones.

Discuss with your family the types of hazards and threats in your area and what to do in each case.

Talk to school officials to learn how they will notify you of your child's status in an emergency.

Know where you would go if you had to evacuate your area and where you could take your pets.

- Decide on a meeting place in case you cannot return home.
- Choose an out-of-town friend or relative as a point of contact.
- Keep important phone numbers with you at all times.



## Stay informed

Listen to local, up-to-date information.

You should listen for the most local, up-to-date information before, during and after a disaster.

Your local media will provide:

- Any orders to evacuate
- Details about evacuation routes
- Locations of evacuation shelters
- How to safely stay where you are
- Where to find financial or medical help
- Weather watches and warnings

Make sure that your battery-powered radio is working and that you have extra batteries in case the electricity goes out.

Get everyone involved. The Ready Virginia Web site has preparedness information for families, businesses, pets and those with special needs.