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Are You Ready?



EMERGENCY

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Why be prepared?

- Disasters disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. Each disaster has lasting effects, both to people and property.
- If a disaster occurs in your community, local government and disaster relief organizations will try to help you, but you need to be ready as well. Local responders may not be able to reach you immediately, or they may need to focus their efforts elsewhere.
- You should know how to respond to severe weather or any disaster that could occur in your area – hurricanes, earthquakes, extreme cold, flooding or terrorism.
- You should also be ready to be self-sufficient for at least three days. This may mean providing for your own shelter, first aid, food, water, and sanitation.

Cuyahoga County Top Emergencies

- As an Appendix to the Cuyahoga County Mitigation Plan, the Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) Annex enhances Cuyahoga County's preparedness by providing a realistic appraisal of the County's risk from Natural, Technological, and Human-caused hazards.
- The THIRA serves as the basis for planning and implementing measures to reduce risks and impacts from disasters in Cuyahoga County. Emergency Management professionals use this document to guide the decision-making process when, setting priorities, allocating resources, and taking actions.

Cuyahoga County Top Emergencies

- Severe Thunderstorm
- Utilities Disruption
- Flooding
- HAZMAT Spill/Release
- IT/Communication Disruption
- Severe Winter Weather
- Tornado
- Temperature Extremes
- Infectious Diseases
- Active Shooter
- Mass Transportation Incident
- Building/Structure Collapse
- Civil Disturbance
- Terrorism, CBRN
- Nuclear Power Incident

A photograph of a man with a mustache and curly hair, wearing a dark jacket and pants, standing in a street covered in rubble. The background is hazy and shows other people and vehicles in the distance. The scene is the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.

9/11 Terror Attack

New York, New York – September 2001



Tornado

Toledo, Ohio – June 2010



Flood

Findlay, Ohio – August 2007

1. Be Informed

Before, during and after:

- Learn about likely threats and how to respond
- Know your neighborhood – shelters, routes, etc.
- Know how to get credible information
- Have plans for places you spend time



Be Informed

- Ready Notify – Cuyahoga County alert system
- Weather Radio
- Local News Stations
 - Apps for phones if power is out
- 311 – Great resource for information without tying up an emergency line if you are dealing with a non life-threatening matter.



- Actively seek information from your
 - Fire Department
 - EMS Agency
 - Police Department



- DHS FEMA Preparedness pamphlets
- Join your local volunteer agency



2. Make A Plan

Develop a Family Communication Plan

- Consider a plan where each family member calls, or e-mails, the same friend or relative in the event of an emergency

Create a Personal Support Network

- If you anticipate needing assistance during a disaster, make a list of family, friends and others who will be part of your plan.
- Make sure that someone in your personal support network has an extra key to your home and know where you keep emergency supplies

Ready Family Emergency Plan
Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go, and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

Out-of-Town Contact Name: _____ **Telephone Number:** _____
Email: _____ **Telephone Number:** _____
Neighborhood Meeting Place: _____ **Telephone Number:** _____
Regional Meeting Place: _____ **Telephone Number:** _____
Evacuation Location: _____ **Telephone Number:** _____

Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name:	Social Security Number:
_____	_____
Date of Birth:	Important Medical Information:
_____	_____
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Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans that you and your family need to know about.

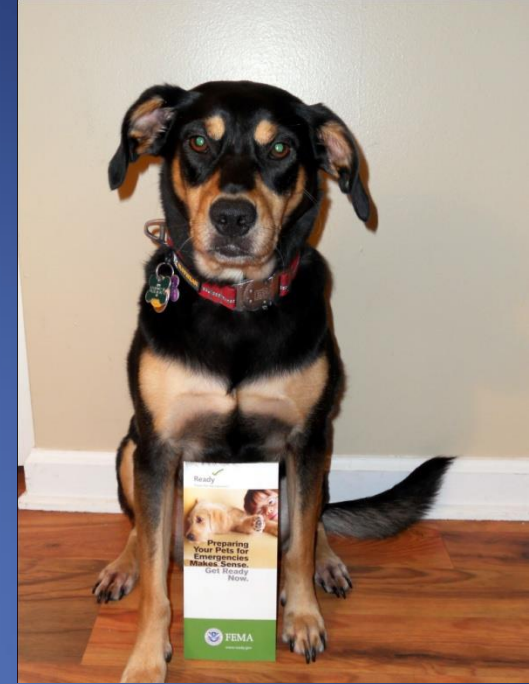
Work Location One	School Location One
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
Evacuation Location: _____	Evacuation Location: _____
Work Location Two	School Location Two
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
Evacuation Location: _____	Evacuation Location: _____
Work Location Three	School Location Three
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
Evacuation Location: _____	Evacuation Location: _____
Other place you frequent	Other place you frequent
Address: _____	Address: _____
Phone Number: _____	Phone Number: _____
Evacuation Location: _____	Evacuation Location: _____

Important Information	Name	Telephone Number	Policy Number
Doctor(s)	_____	_____	_____
Other:	_____	_____	_____
Pharmacist:	_____	_____	_____
Medical Insurance:	_____	_____	_____
Homeowners/Rental Insurance:	_____	_____	_____
Vehicle(s) (Name/Year/Color/Type):	_____	_____	_____

Dial 911 for Emergencies

Consider your pets

- Plan in advance for shelter alternatives that will work for both of you and your pets
- If you are going to a public shelter, it is important to understand that only service animals may be allowed inside.



Deciding to Stay or Go

- Shelter-in-place – There could be times when you will need to stay put and create a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside
- Evacuation – Plan how you can get away and anticipate where you will go. Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency

3. Build a Kit

Or two or three:

- Home, car, work and/or school
- 72 hours
- Basic supplies
- Additional items to consider





Home preparedness kit

- Emergency radio
- Bags / plastic sheeting / trash bags



- Gloves



Home preparedness kit

- Toilet paper



- SOG or multipurpose tool



- Duct tape



- Important document holder





Home preparedness kit

- Back pack
- Home cell phone chargers / plug





Home preparedness kit

- Food (2000 calories/day/person)



- Water for family of 5 (8 gallons/day)



- Back up generators





Mobile preparedness kit

- Jumper cables



- MREs



- Fire extinguisher



- Glow sticks





Mobile preparedness kit

- First aid kit
- Pen, Pencil and Paper
- Whistle or Air Horn





Mobile preparedness kit

- Flashlight / head lamp



4. Get Involved



Take an active role:

- Take a class
- Help a friend or neighbor
- Citizen Corps or CERT

Functional Needs

Only you know what you need:

- Infants and young children
- Elderly
- Language barriers
- Disabilities





What May Come

Cleveland at a glance:

- Snow, snow, snow
- High winds and severe storms, flooding
- Pandemic
- Power Outage
- Terrorism

Don't Wait

Get Ready Now.

Act Now

Being prepared now will help you later:

- Get A Kit
- Make A Plan
- Be Informed
- Get Involved

Questions and Discussion

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