Create an Emergency Plan

Schedule a family meeting to discuss the dangers of possible emergency events

Discuss how you and your family will respond to each possible emergency

Discuss what to do in case of power outages or personal injuries

Draw a floor plan of your home and mark two escape routes from each room

Choose an out-of-state friend or relative whom all family members will call if separated during an emergency

Pick two meeting places—one near your home and one outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after an emergency

Keep family records in a water- and fireproof safe

Watches and Warnings

Knowing the difference between watches and warnings can help save lives, whether it is tornadoes or winter weather

**WATCH**
Possibility of concerning weather

Stay alert and check regularly for weather updates

**WARNING**
Weather is imminent

In the case of a tornado, take shelter immediately

With winter weather, limit travel

If there is a flood warning, stay away from flood waters and head for higher ground if necessary

Prepare a Disaster Supply Kit

Utility service may be disrupted in an emergency. Preparing disaster supply kits in advance can save precious time in the event you must evacuate or go without utilities for an extended period.

**GO KIT**
Store items for a ‘go’ kit in an easy-to-carry bag

Keep in a car or in the garage

**HOME KIT**
Store in a plastic tub or garbage can

Keep in your home’s safest place where you will take shelter

Identify Your Safest Place

Before an emergency strikes, take time to identify your safest place at home, at work, and at school.