

Everything you need to teach kids about Disaster



FREE instructional aids and downloadable materials for teachers, parents, caregivers, and children, grades K-8

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) encourages everyone to plan ahead and be prepared for emergencies of all kinds. There is a huge online library of materials to help teachers and parents teach their children to be ready when those emergencies occur.



FEMA's webpage for kids at Ready.gov.

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FAMILY & PET CONNECTION

People often don't think about emergency preparedness plans for their pets. For many parents, the tasks involved with preparing a house, property and family for extreme weather and natural disasters can be overwhelming enough.

That's why teachers play a critical role. By educating kids about the importance of making plans for their pets, and asking them to get their entire families onboard, you are a vital link in getting the message out to the entire community. In this section you'll find resources and checklists to teach kids what they need to know, and downloadable information for them to bring home to their parents. They'll learn the key components in a pet emergency supply kit—such as pet food, can openers, water, paper plates and bowls, pet medicine, first aid supplies and pet carriers—and how parents and kids can make an emergency plan for their pets, just as they do for their other family members. Plus there are helpful reminders, like making sure pets have I.D.s on their collars and updated vaccinations; as well as helpful tips, like developing a pet care buddy system with neighbors, friends and relatives, to make sure that someone is available to care for or evacuate your pets in case you can't be there.

Download a Pet Preparedness Guide

Useful information for parents developed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in consultation with: American Kennel Club, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, American Veterinary Medical Association, and The Humane Society of the U.S.

Download a Pet Preparedness Checklist

Add these important items to your family emergency kit and learn what to do in advance of an emergency for your pets.

Useful links information for pet owners from FEMA

- Plan for Pet Disaster Needs
- Prepare to Shelter Your Pet
- During a Disaster
- After a Disaster



These downloadable resources offer fun, educational, and easy-to-use materials to help children learn about the different types of emergencies and what they and their family members can do to be prepared.

Teachers, parents and caregivers will find a variety of lesson plans and ideas.

You'll find games, puzzles, interactive activities, coloring books, certificates and much, much more.

These materials may be used without restrictions and are suitable to different age and skill levels. Please take a moment to click on any of the links below and explore the learning opportunities provided. Feel free to share these with your co-workers, family and friends.

We Suggest You Start Here:

<http://www.ready.gov/kids/index.html>

The kids' page at ready.gov opens an entire world of activities that encourage families to **“Create a Kit”**, **“Make a Plan”** and **“Know the Facts”** – the basics of being prepared for any emergency. You can even earn a certificate as a graduate of “Readiness U.”

An entire section for parents and teachers includes lessons, maps, activity books and even the lyrics to “Be Prepared” (sung to the tune of “She’ll be Comin’ Round the Mountain”).

There are over a dozen links to other resources from such agencies as the Red Cross, American Academy of Pediatrics, U.S. Department of Education and many others.

Tell a friend about Let's Get Ready!

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Three Other Great Sites:

<http://readyclassroom.discoveryeducation.com/#/map> - Discovery Education's Ready Classroom Emergency Preparedness for Teachers, Students, and Families

<http://www.sesamestreet.org/parents/topicsandactivities/toolkits/ready> - Sesame Street's “Let's Get Ready! Planning for Emergency” page with The Muppets™, video, activities, and lots more for younger pupils

<http://www.usfa.fema.gov/kids/flash.shtm> - The U.S. Fire Administration's imaginative kids' page with plenty of directed and individualized activities

Sesame Street's **“Let's Get Ready”** activities are available in both English and en Espanol. At right, some of the many resources available from the **Ready Classroom** webpage.

