# State-by-State Emergency Preparedness Guide

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## Are You Prepared?

Many local and federal government agencies, like National Weather Service (NWS) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), use free apps, websites, and social media pages to provide up-to-date alerts and information to the public. Get to know these resources and sign up for text alerts ahead of time.
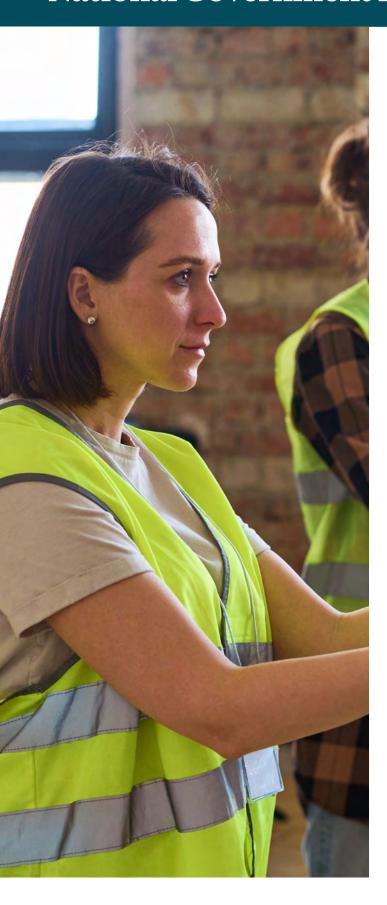
Prevent panic by making multiple plans for evacuation and shelter. Emergency routes, transportation, and shelter locations may be damaged during a disaster. Try to have at least three alternatives.

Most public shelters permit documented service animals, but not companion animals. If you have pets, locate and confirm the shelters that will welcome them, and make sure to have everything your pet needs packed and ready in advance of an emergency.

# National Government Resources

Staying informed before, during, and after a disaster is vital. Familiarizing yourself with federal and local emergency resources and knowing how to access and interpret emergency alerts can help you stay safe.

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| Ready.gov |
| USA.gov |
| U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| Centers for Disease Control and Prevention |
| State Homeland Security and Emergency Services |
| U.S. Department of the Interior |
| FEMA |
| Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Service |
| DisasterAssistance.gov |
| United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division |
| National Weather Service (NWS) |
| Humane Society Pet Disaster Preparedness |

# Alabama—Delaware

| State | FEMA State Link | State Government Link |
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| **Alabama** | FEMA - Alabama | Alabama Emergency Management Agency |
| **Alaska** | FEMA - Alaska | Alaska Department of Health |
| **Arizona** | FEMA - Arizona | Arizona Department of Health Services |
| **Arkansas** | FEMA - Arkansas | Arkansas Department of Health |
| **California** | FEMA - California | California Department of Health |
| **Colorado** | FEMA - Colorado | Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment |
| **Connecticut** | FEMA - Connecticut | Connecticut State Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security |
| **Delaware** | FEMA - Delaware | Delaware Emergency Management Agency |

# Florida—Kansas

| State | FEMA State Link | State Government Link |
|---|---|---|
| Florida | FEMA - Florida | Florida Health Across the State |
| Georgia | FEMA - Georgia | Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency |
| Hawaii | FEMA - Hawaii | State of Hawaii Emergency Management Agency |
| Idaho | FEMA - Idaho | Idaho Department of Health & Welfare |
| Illinois | FEMA - Illinois | Illinois Department of Public Health |
| Indiana | FEMA - Indiana | Indiana Department of Homeland Security |
| Iowa | FEMA - Iowa | Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management |
| Kansas | FEMA - Kansas | Kansas Adjutant General's Department |

# Kentucky—Mississippi

| State | FEMA State Link | State Government Link |
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| Kentucky | FEMA - Kentucky | Kentucky Emergency Management |
| Louisiana | FEMA - Louisiana | Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness |
| Maine | FEMA - Maine | Maine Emergency Management Agency |
| Maryland | FEMA - Maryland | Maryland Department of Health |
| Massachusets | FEMA - Massachusets | The Commonwealth of Massachusetts |
| Michigan | FEMA - Michigan | Michigan Prepares |
| Minnesota | FEMA - Minnesota | Minnesota Department of Public Safety - Homeland Security and Emergency Management |
| Mississippi | FEMA - Mississippi | Mississippi State Department of Health |

# Missouri—New York

| State | FEMA State Link | State Government Link |
|---|---|---|
| Missouri | FEMA - Missouri | Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services |
| Montana | FEMA - Montana | Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services |
| Nebraska | FEMA - Nebraska | Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services |
| Nevada | FEMA - Nevada | Nevada Division of Emergency Management Homeland Security |
| New Hampshire | FEMA - New Hampshire | Ready New Hampshire |
| New Jersey | FEMA - New Jersey | 211 New Jersey |
| New Mexico | FEMA - New Mexico | New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency |
| New York | FEMA - New York | NYC Emergency Management |

# North Carolina—South Carolina

| State | FEMA State Link | State Government Link |
|---|---|---|
| **North Carolina** | FEMA - North Carolina | Ready North Carolina |
| **North Dakota** | FEMA - North Dakota | Health and Human Services North Dakota |
| **Ohio** | FEMA - Ohio | Ohio Department of Health |
| **Oklahoma** | FEMA - Oklahoma | Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management |
| **Oregon** | FEMA - Oregon | Oregon Department of Emergency Management |
| **Pennsylvania** | FEMA - Pennsylvania | Ready Pennsylvania |
| **Rhode Island** | FEMA - Rhode Island | The State of Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency |
| **South Carolina** | FEMA - South Carolina | South Carolina Emergency Management Division |

# South Dakota—West Virginia

| State | FEMA State Link | State Government Link |
|---|---|---|
| **South Dakota** | FEMA - South Dakota | South Dakota Department of Public Safety |
| **Tennessee** | FEMA - Tennessee | Tennesee Department of Military |
| **Texas** | FEMA - Texas | Texas Department of State Health Services |
| **Utah** | FEMA - Utah | Utah Department of Public Safety |
| **Vermont** | FEMA - Vermont | Vermont Department of Health |
| **Virginia** | FEMA - Virginia | Virginia Department of Emergency Management |
| **Washington** | FEMA - Washington | Washington State Department of Health |
| **West Virginia** | FEMA - West Virginia | West Virginia Emergency Management |

# Wisconsin—D.C., Puerto Rico

| State | FEMA State Link | State Government Link |
|-------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Wisconsin | FEMA - Wisconsin | Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs |
| Wyoming | FEMA - Wyoming | Wyoming Homeland Security |
| Washington D.C. | FEMA - D.C. | DC.gov |
| Puerto Rico | FEMA - Puerto Rico | Puerto Rico Department of Emergency Management |