# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES







# Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

Our mission is to assure that County Government and the general public are prepared for emergencies

We manage the County's response to major emergencies and coordinate with all relevant County, State, and Federal entities and maintain partnerships with other jurisdictions

#### We do this through:

- Operations and Planning
- Training, Exercise, and Evaluation
- Communications and Outreach
- Special Projects

#### We work with the whole community:

- Business and Industry
- Community and Civic Associations
- Houses of Worship
- Nonprofit Agencies
- Schools
- Volunteer Organizations









### **Emergency Management Cycle**



Ensure human actions do not result in a disaster

**Prevention** Mitigation Recovery ARUNDEL CON **Preparedness** Response

Measures that reduce the impacts of hazards through proactive measures

Returning to things back to normal during the long-term aftermath of a disaster

Readiness and training to respond to a disaster

Initial actions during the immediate aftermath of a disaster



## Four Steps to Emergency Preparedness









#### Be Informed: Know the Hazards



#### POTENTIAL HAZARDS TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Medical **Epidemic** Severe Criminal Active Cyber Utility Hazardous **Fire Accidents Materials Incidents Pandemic Activity Assailant** Weather **Attack Failure** 

#### "ALL-HAZARDS PREPAREDNESS"

If you prepare well for a likely worst case ...like a major hurricane... you are prepared for almost any emergency.

POTENTIAL HAZARDS TO OUR COUNTY		
NATURAL HAZARDS	MAN-MADE HAZARDS	
	INTENTIONAL	TECHNOLOGICAL
Earthquake Epidemic/Pandemic Flood Hurricane/Tropical Storm Severe Thunderstorm Severe Winter Storm Tornado/Wind Storm Wildfires	Active Assailant/Terrorist Biological Attack Chemical Attack Civil Unrest Cyberattack Explosion, Bombing Infrastructure Sabotage Nuclear Blast Radiological Attack	Hazardous Materials Infrastructure Failure Major Structural Fire Nuclear Facilities Accident Utility Disruption Transportation Hazards



#### Be Informed with Alert Anne Arundel

Sign up to receive alerts from the County about emergency situations such as:

- Hazardous weather
- Security alerts
- Hazardous chemical spill or release
- Missing persons
- Evacuations
- Shelter-In-Place instructions
- Water system issues

Receive alerts to landline phones, cellphones (voice and text), and/or email in English, Spanish, or other languages.

Visit alertannearundel.civicready.com

call 410-222-0600 or scan the QR code below!







### Be Informed: OEM Social Media















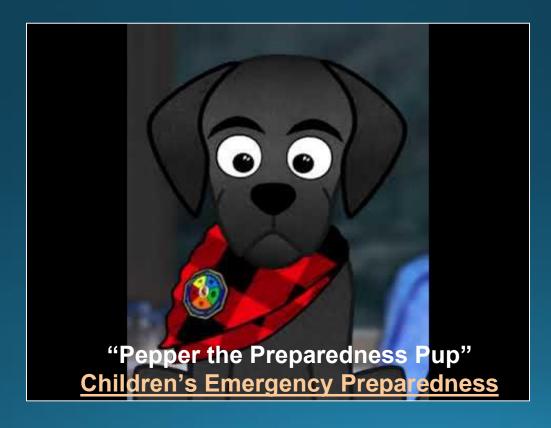














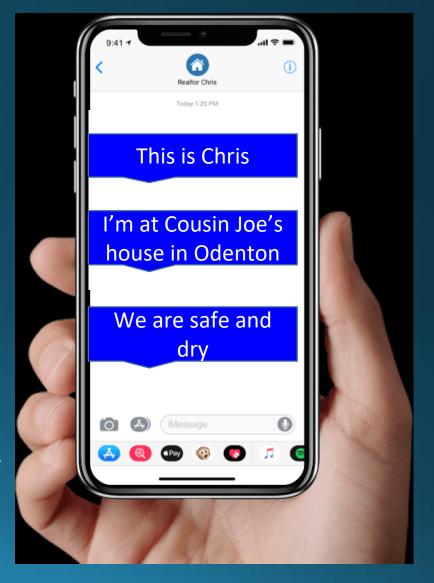




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- ☐ Plan together as a family
- Understand your family, office, school emergency plans.
- ☐ Create a family communications plan
  - ☐ Identify who you would you notify that you are safe after an emergency
  - Designate an out of area (or State) "Family Switchboard Operator" that can relay information about your safety to others
  - ☐ Determine how you will communicate if you lose cell service or internet
  - Text messages (SMS) often get through when voice calls fail
- ☐ Identify special considerations for your family: children, older adults, people with access & functional needs, or chronic illness that may need additional assistance during emergencies. Consider pets, service animals, and livestock.
- □ Talk about what you would do if directed to <u>SHELTER-IN-PLACE</u> or <u>EVACUATE</u>
- ☐ Practice your emergency plan with your family and update it as needed

#### https://www.ready.gov/plan



### **Build a Shelter-in-Place Kit**



- ✓ Water: One gallon of water per person per day for at least three days
- √ Food: At least a three-day supply of non-perishable food (include pets)
- **✓** Baby formula and diapers, if applicable
- ✓ Battery-powered or hand-crank radio with extra batteries
- ✓ Flashlight or headlamp with extra batteries per person
- **✓** Family First Aid Kit
  - Face Coverings two masks (surgical or cloth) each
  - Exam Gloves
- ✓ Prescription Medicine and medical devices (glasses, hearing aids, etc)
- ✓ Personal hygiene items, moist towelettes, garbage bags
- √ Photo identification; Important family documents in waterproof bag
- √ Whistle to signal for help
- √ Cell phone with charger
- ✓ Manual can opener for canned food
- ✓ Dust mask and plastic sheeting/duct tape for contaminated air
- √ Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities, if required
- ✓ Paper local road maps for evacuation
- √ Cash or Travelers Checks

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GOAL:
BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT
FOR AT LEAST THREE DAYS



Build a little at a time
Share expenses with a friend or neighbor

### Personal "Go Bag"



# ISOLATED FOR 24 HOURS IN YOUR OFFICE, SCHOOL, OR CAR

#### OR EMERGENCY EVACUATION

- ✓ Cell Phone and Charger
- ✓ Emergency Contact List
- ✓ Bottled Water
- ✓ Energy/Protein bars
- ✓ Individual First Aid Kit / RX Medications
- ✓ Exam Gloves and Facemask
- ✓ Reflective Foil Blanket
- √ Hand Warmers
- √ Flashlight, Headlamp or Glow Sticks
- √ Whistle
- ✓ Pocket knife or Multi-tool
- ✓ Poncho/Rain Jacket
- ✓ Extra Clothes (layering) in winter
- √ Comfortable walking shoes
- √ Cash
- ✓ Road Map



### **Get Involved**



#### Here are some ways to get involved in your community:

- Participate in community meetings
- Include family, friends, or neighbors in your emergency plans and practice together
- Check on vulnerable neighbors
- Take a First Aid, CPR/AED, or Stop the Bleed Class
- Request a Community (or House of Worship) Emergency Planning discussion from OEM
- Train with the Anne Arundel County & Annapolis Community Emergency Response Team (AAA CERT)
- Volunteer
- Stay situationally aware. If you SEE SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING! Call 9-1-1
- Set the example!







# Create Your Own Family Emergency Plan



"In Case of Emergency"

My Guide to Emergency Preparedness



Create a personalized emergency preparedness plan for you and your family based on your specific needs.

Courtesy of the Anne Arundel County
Office of Emergency Management

Click here





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# 2023 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXPO











Saturday, September 16, 2023 10am - 2pm Anne Arundel Community College Arundel Mills Campus 7009 Arundel Mills Circle, Hanover, MD





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