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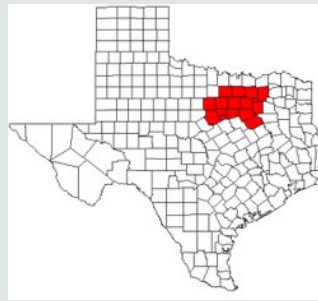
Emergency Preparedness 101

“Prepare Today. Ready Tomorrow.”

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INTRODUCTIONS

- What is your name?
- What do you know about Emergency Preparedness?
- What is your reason for taking this workshop?
- What are you hoping to get out of this workshop?

Overview

- Who Are We?
- Emergency Plan
- Emergency Kit
- Home Preparedness
- Severe Weather
- Emergency Communications
- Take Aways and Next Steps
- Resources



What are some disasters you have gone through? Or heard about?

- Extreme hot weather
- Wildfire
- Earthquake
- Home Fire
- Hurricane/ Blackout
- Flooding
- Tornado
- Thunderstorm
- Winter Storm/ Extreme Cold
- School on “lock down”
- Cyber attacks

Who Are We?

XXXX Office of Emergency Management

- The **XXXX Office of Emergency Management** is responsible for the coordination and management of the City's (or County's) **Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**
- The EOC serves as the central hub for strategic leadership and decision-making during emergencies or large-scale incidents.
- It may be activated in response to natural disasters, technological failures, or human-caused events that disrupt city operations, exceed the capacity of initial response efforts, or require sustained, multi-agency coordination
- **Contact: Name, Title, if CEM, list this as well – INCLUDE QR**
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What is Emergency Management?

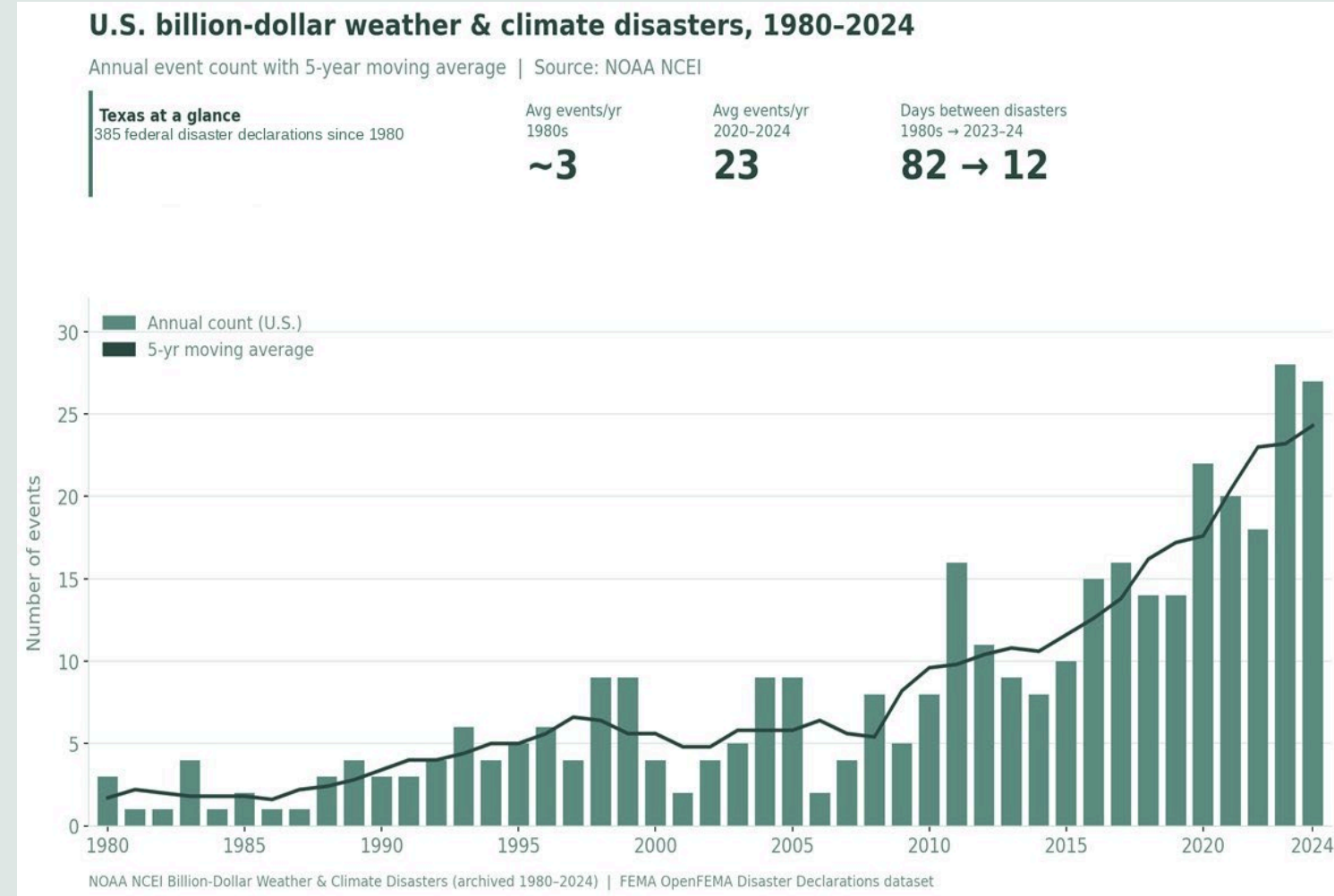
Emergency management is an **approach** to **preparing** for, **responding** to, **recovering** from, and **mitigating** the impacts of disasters and emergencies, both natural and man made



Preparedness is educating the public on the difference between “**blue sky** days” and “**grey sky** days” and how to prepare

Why Prepare?

- Proper preparation takes time
- Events happen quickly and more frequently
- Emergency assistance may be delayed
- You may have special needs to address
- There needs to be individual and family coordination
- Where do you go?
- What do you do?



NOAA — Billion-Dollar Disasters (national trend data):

<https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/billions/>

Source: NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information, [ncei.noaa.gov/access/billions](https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/billions)

What is an emergency?

What is a natural disaster?

**What are names of emergencies
that can impact me?**

Words to Know:

Emergency: a time when something serious happens and immediate help is needed

Disaster: an emergency that causes great harm to people or an area

Natural Disaster: something that happens in nature, sometimes caused by weather or climate, that can harm our surroundings

Why We're Here!

Urge YOU to be your own first responder.

Help you prepare for local disasters

Reduce physical, psychological & financial impact of a disaster on our community

Reduce reliance on emergency services when resources are diminished

Reduce the strain on the emergency response system

Better outcome for YOU

Prepare Today. Ready Tomorrow. What YOU can do!

- Create a family emergency plan, include everyone and pets
- Build an emergency supply kit – what should be in it
- Prepare your home
- Be informed, have multiple ways to receive warnings and alerts
- Know your local emergency manager

Emergency Plan

Will you be prepared?



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**What did you notice in the
video?**

Rule of Three – What is it?

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Rule of “*Three*” for Survival

Normally, the rule of threes contains the following:

3 seconds without hope (inspiration)

3 minutes without air (oxygen deprivation)

3 hours without shelter (accommodation)

3 days without water (dehydration)

3 weeks without food (starvation)





Emergency Plan

When disaster strikes, city services may be cut off and local disaster relief and government responders may not be able to reach you. You need to have plans and supplies in place to make it on your own, at least for a limited time, no matter where you are.

(If you don't have access to a printer at home or work, look to your local libraries or emergency management offices for assistance in printing these valuable communication plans).

<https://knowwhat2do.com/make-a-plan/emergency-plan/>

<https://www.pdfFiller.com/439106616--fema-communication->

Types of Disasters

First step is knowing what kind of disasters could impact you

- Natural

- Extreme heat
- Extreme cold
- Flooding
- Severe weather



Train derailment, Echo Lake, FW, 2019



Winter Storm Yuri – DFW 2021

- Technological and Accidental

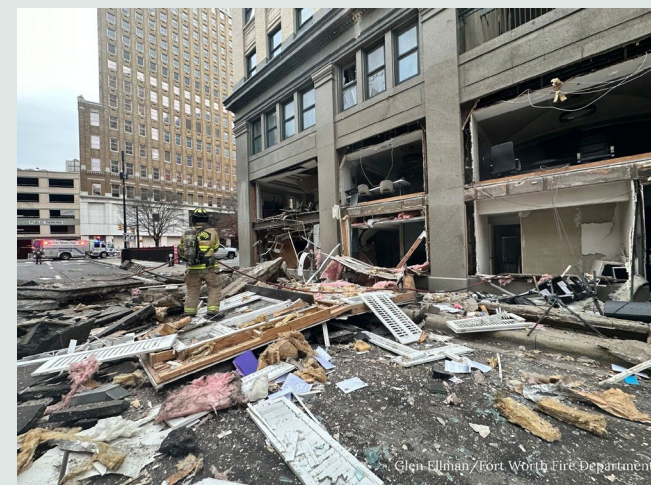
- Hazmat spill
- Train derailment
- Airline crash

- Manmade

- Active Shooter
- Explosion



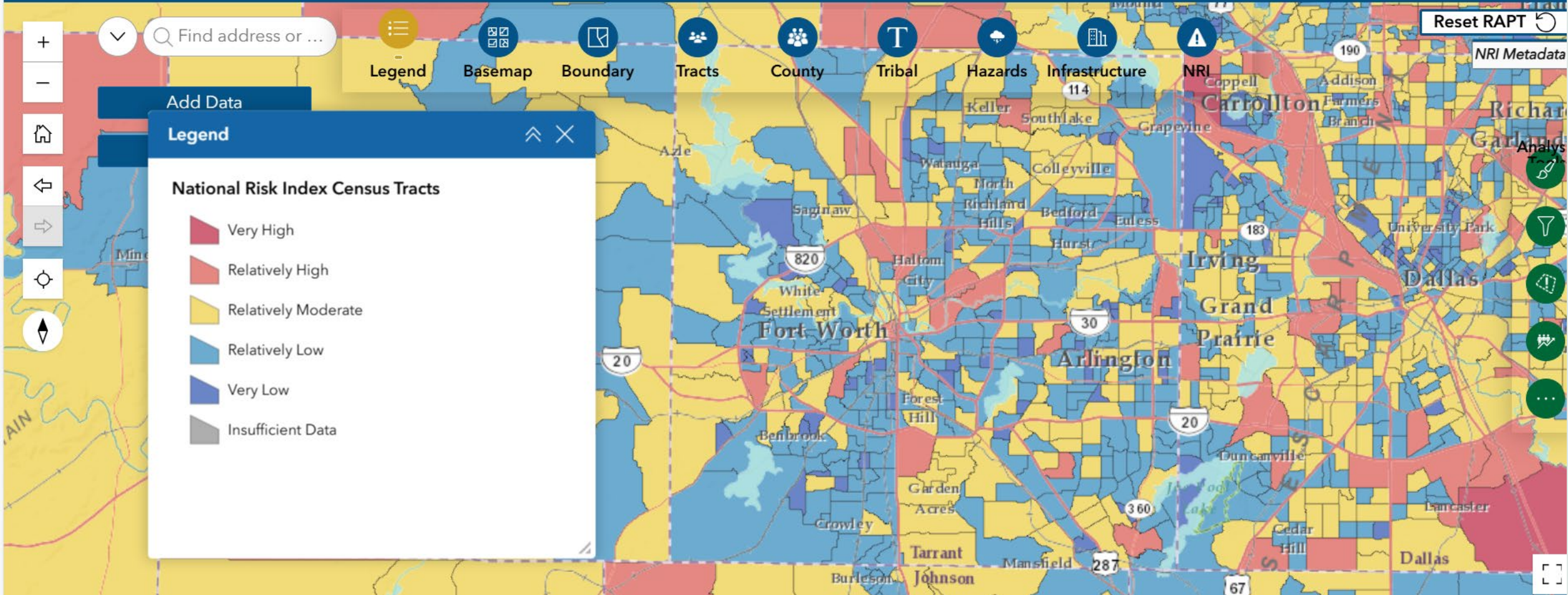
F3 Downtown FW tornado - 2000



Sandman Hotel Explosion, FW, 2024



FEMA Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool

[Take a Tour](#)[County Summary](#)[Resource Center](#)[Contact Us](#)

[Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool \(RAPT\) - Production](#)

Click the “NRI” button on the top tool bar and it should pull up the data.

What Can **YOU** Do?

- **Create** a family emergency plan
- **Build** an emergency supply kit
- **Prepare** your home
- Have multiple ways to **receive** warnings and alerts
- **Get to know** your city's emergency manager

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Preparing for a Disaster – Know these Things:

- ☐ Where will I get my information? What is my communication plan?
- ☐ Do I have a plan?
- ☐ Do I have an emergency kit?
- ☐ Where will you meet family? Who is your out-of-state “check-in” contact?
- ☐ Will you have an extended stay? Shelter in place? Evacuate?
- ☐ How will you escape your home? Workplace? School? Place of worship?
- ☐ What route (and several alternates) will you use to evacuate?
- ☐ Do you have transportation? (Keep your car at least ½ full of gasoline)
- ☐ Did you practice your plan?
- ☐ Do your children know your “real” name, phone number and address?

Things To Consider – Emergency Plan:

- Make sure it is **always** accessible
- It can aid while you wait
- Get **input** from **all** family members
- Plan for all family members, especially those that need assistance
- Remember **pets**, they're family too!
- Practice the plan
- **Review** the plan at least twice a year, the same time you replace smoke detector's batteries
- **Build an emergency kit**



Emergency Kit

Emergency Kit

An emergency kit (disaster supplies kit) is a collection of **basic items** your household may need in the event of an emergency. If you gather supplies **in advance**, you and your family will be **better equipped** for an evacuation or home confinement. You will not have time to shop or search during or after the disaster. Many of the items needed for your kits **are already in your household**

You are stranded on a deserted island. Which 4 items do you choose? Why?



Tarp



Bug Spray



Hammock



Toilet Paper



Pot



Hiking Boots



Flare Gun



Raft



Sunscreen



Compass



Flashlight



Hand Saw



Water Purifier



Rope



Hunting Rifle



First Aid Kit



Matches



Fishing Rod



Volleyball



Phone



Mirror



Knife



Vitamins



Tent



**What would you put
in your kit?**

WHY????

Build An Emergency Kit

You can customize kits according to what you need and where to keep it:

- Under the bed (Immediate access)
- Go Bag (ready for evacuation)
- In your home (resources for 2 weeks)
- At work
- In your car

Choose what makes the most sense based on your situation, potential local hazard risks, and budget

Do not forget the pets!

Does anyone have special needs?



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Emergency Kit Checklist

Choose what makes sense for YOU and where to keep it!

Under Bed?	Go-Bag?	Home?	Work?	Car?	Items
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Auto repair supplies, spare tire, tire jack, jumper cables, gas
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Cash, small bills
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Clothes, including shoes
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Contact list, in-state contact & out-of-state contacts
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Document bag, water resistant, copies of important documents
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Emergency plan
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	First aid kit, tourniquet, stop the bleed supplies
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Flares / road hazard lights
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Flashlight / head lamp with extra batteries
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Food items, non-perishable, long shelf life, 3-day supply
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Infant supplies (if needed) - formula, diapers, bottles
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Manual can opener
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Maps, local and regional
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Masks, KN95, goggles
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Medications, 7-day supply, copy of prescriptions
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Pet supplies (if needed) - food, leash, medications
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Phone charger, charging cables, battery pack
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Radio, hand cranked or battery powered NOAA weather radio
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Sanitation - moist towelettes, hand sanitizer, garbage bags
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Toiletries, personal hygiene kit, tissues
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Tools, shovel, crowbar, knife, multi-tool kit
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Water, 1 gallon per person, per day, for at least 3 days
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Weather supplies, emergency blanket, hat, gloves, sunscreen
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Whistle
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Special needs items: _____
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Personal Items: _____
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	Personal Items: _____



Items to include in Emergency Document Bag

- **Personal identification**

- Birth certificates, DL, Passports, SS cards
- Marriage / divorce papers
- Recent family photos for identification purposes

- **Medical documents**

- Copies of health insurance cards
- Medical records detailing conditions
- List of medications for everyone & pets
- Immunization records / allergy info
- Physicians' names and contact info

- **Financial documents**

- Bank account info and statements
- Credit card accounts and contact
- Insurance policies – home, vehicles, and valuables
- Tax returns, previous year
- Investment records, wills, trust

- **Legal documents**

- Property titles and deeds
- Leases and mortgage documents
- Powers of attorneys and other legal authorizations



Other Considerations for Document Bag

Store documents in **waterproof and fireproof containers**

Other important documents: vehicle registration, passwords and login information, naturalization and citizenship papers, first two pages of recent year's tax return, utility companies and contact information, Military ID if applicable

Consider any other documents that are specific to you

Consider digital back ups on encrypted cloud storage or secure USB drives

REVIEW and **update** documents annually to ensure accuracy and relevance

Suggested Emergency Kit Supplies:

- Water (1 gallon per person for 3 days)
- First aid kit
- Non-perishable food (At least 1 day)
- Manual can opener
- Personal items (Dust mask, etc.)
- Weather radio
- Local maps
- Flashlight
- Routes pre-saved on phone
- Contact lists
- Cash in small bills
- Medications
- Medical supplies
- Infant supplies
- Pet supplies
- Personal sanitation
- Tools (Wrench or pliers)
- Whistle
- Seasonal items
- Emergency plan

Suggested Vehicle Emergency Supplies:

You may also want to have an emergency kit that lives in your vehicle and may include the following items:

- Flashlight
- First Aid Kit
- Bottled Water
- Seasonal Supplies: Blankets, jackets, gloves, sunscreen
- Auto Repair Supplies: Tire repair kit, jumper cables, tools
- Fire Extinguisher
- Window breaker/Seatbelt cutter
- Flares



Home Preparedness

Home Considerations

- What type of utilities do I have? Where are they, and how do I **safely** shut them off?
- Where do my family and I seek shelter in an emergency (severe storm, flooding, tornado, etc.)?
- What should I keep handy in my home to keep my family safe/fed (think medicine, medical supplies, food, water, etc.)?

Home Hazards

- Gas line ruptures from water heaters or ranges displaced by shaking, water, or wind
- Damage from falling books, dishes, or broken glass
- Risk of injury or electric shock from displaced appliances and office equipment
- Fire from faulty wiring, overloaded plugs, frayed electrical cords
- Considerations:
 - Two story homes
 - Emergency power, water & heat

Other Home Preparedness Tips

- Anchor down heavy furniture
- Remove or secure outdoor items that could become projectiles when there is the possibility of high winds or tornadoes
 - Patio furniture
 - BBQ grill
 - Garden tools
 - Trampoline
- Make sure you know where your gas, electricity, and water shutoffs are located
- If you must turn off your gas, contact your utility provider to inspect before turning the gas back on

Utilities: Electricity

Electricity in Texas is provided by various **Retail Electric Providers** (REPs) that sell plans (i.e. TXU, Gexa, etc.), while the actual power lines and delivery are **maintained by specific** Transmission and Distribution Utilities (TDUs) such as Oncor or CenterPoint Energy **depending on your location**, all overseen by the PUCT and ERCOT. You choose your provider (REP), but a local TDU delivers the power. ERCOT (Electric Reliability Council of Texas)

- **Communicates through official channels** – ercot.com. Texas Advisory and Notification System (TXANS), emergency alerts, social media channels, ERCOT mobile app



Utilities: Electricity Continued

For Oncor, text “Reg” to 66267

- You can associate an address with them
- If your address is identified as being affected, an alert will be sent

Download the MyOncor app

Visit their website at [Oncor.com](https://www.oncor.com)

NOTE: if you live in a rural area, you may receive electricity from a local electrical cooperative (Ex: CoServ)



Oncor's Chronic Condition and Critical Care

- Oncor residents can apply to be designated as a Critical Care Customer or a Chronic Condition Customer
- This does **NOT** guarantee that the power supply will not be interrupted
- Applications must be submitted by a physician



Utilities: Water

- Who is your water provider?
- Do you know how to shut off the water to your house?
- Do all your family members know this information?

What other utilities do you have?

- Gas? If you turn it off, do NOT turn it back on! If you suspect a leak, leave immediately, when at a safe distance, call 911, and then Atmos 866-322-8667

Home Utilities

HOW TO SHUT OFF UTILITIES

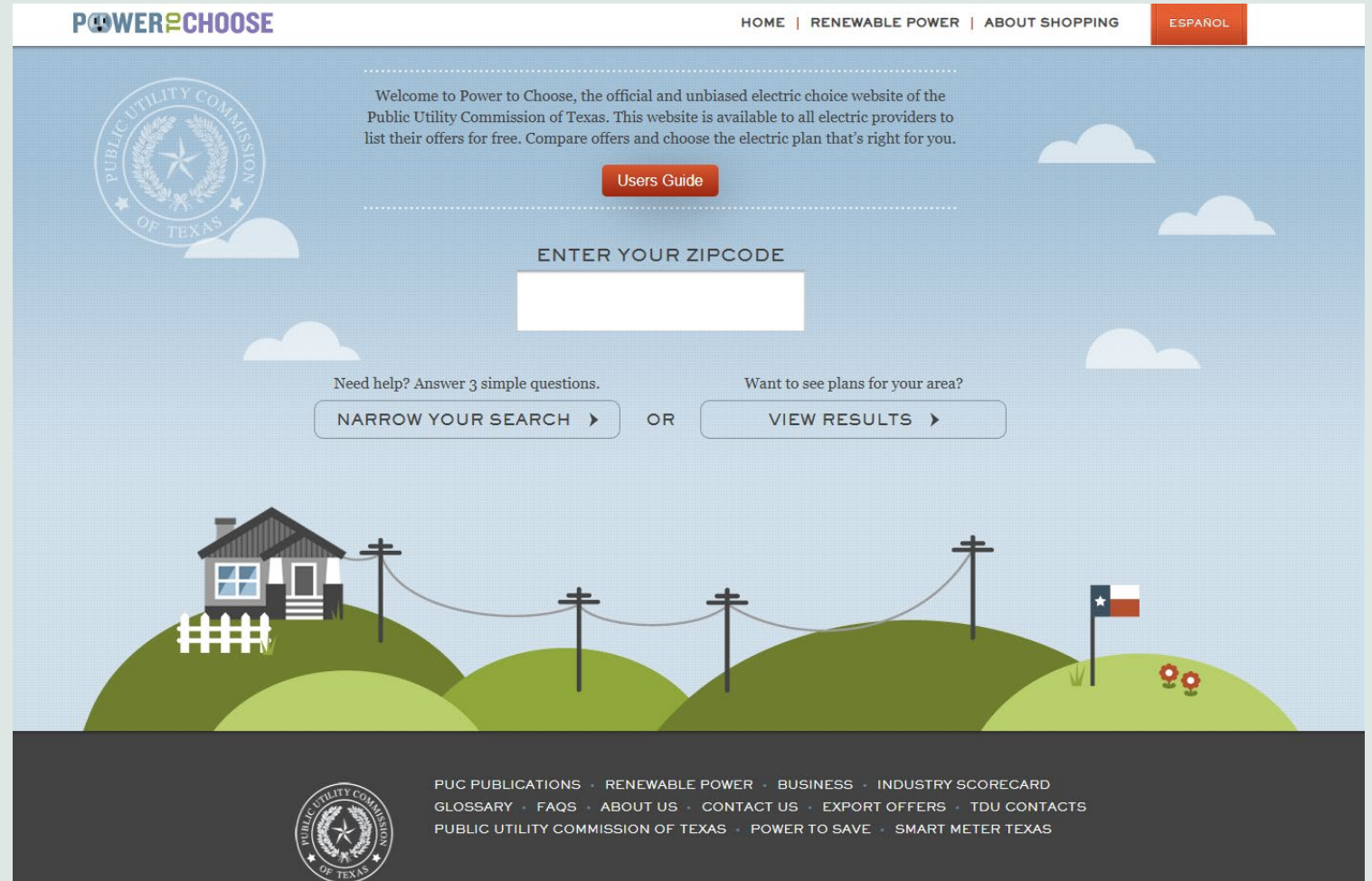
EMERGENCY



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yNjinyb0-e4>

Utilities Resources

- powertochoose.org
The official and unbiased electric choice website of the Public Utility Commission of Texas



Home Insurance

Homeowners insurance helps you:

- Rebuild after natural disasters like hailstorms and tornadoes
- Replace stolen or damaged belongings
- Cover liability for accidents on your property
- Prepare for climate-related events

Renter insurance can include the following coverage:

- Personal property
- Personal liability
- Property damage to others
- Loss of use
- Medical payment

When looking for the right policy:

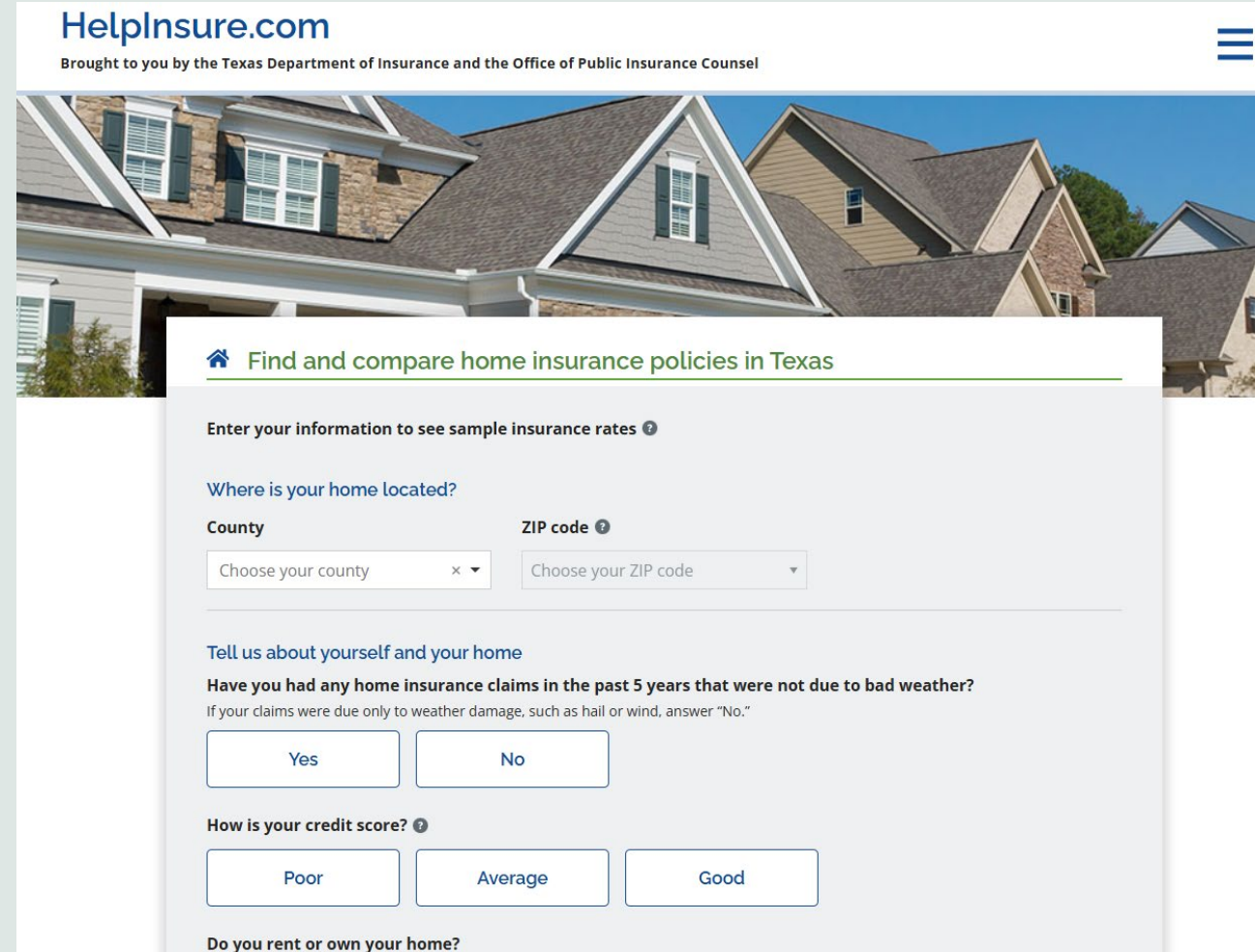
- Know your risks, compare quotes, ask about discounts, and understand your deductibles

Homeowners Resources

The Texas Department of Insurance mission is to protect insurance consumers by:

- Regulating the insurance industry fairly and diligently
- Promoting a stable and competitive market
- Providing information that makes a difference

<https://www.helpinsure.com/residential.html>



The screenshot shows the HelpInsure.com website. The header includes the logo and a tagline: "Brought to you by the Texas Department of Insurance and the Office of Public Insurance Counsel". Below the header is a banner image of a suburban house. A white overlay box contains the following form fields:

- Find and compare home insurance policies in Texas**
- Enter your information to see sample insurance rates**
- Where is your home located?**
 - County:** A dropdown menu with the text "Choose your county" and a close button (x).
 - ZIP code:** A dropdown menu with the text "Choose your ZIP code" and a close button (x).
- Tell us about yourself and your home**
- Have you had any home insurance claims in the past 5 years that were not due to bad weather?**
If your claims were due only to weather damage, such as hail or wind, answer "No."
 - Yes** (button)
 - No** (button)
- How is your credit score?**
 - Poor** (button)
 - Average** (button)
 - Good** (button)
- Do you rent or own your home?**



Applying for Disaster Assistance

1

Online

DisasterAssistance.gov

2

FEMA App

Free download from your app store

3

By Phone

1-800-621-3362

4

In Person

Visit a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC)

What You'll Need to Apply

- You must live in a presidentially declared disaster area to receive financial assistance from FEMA.
 - Not everyone qualifies for all the assistance programs in an area.
- Insurance information
- Social Security Number (anyone in the household)
- Description of damage caused
- Annual household income
- Contact information
- Bank account info (for direct deposit)

Source: <https://www.usa.gov/disaster-assistance>

Red Cross: 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Severe Weather



Severe Weather

What type of severe weather can Texans experience? Everyone should be prepared for these and others by having an emergency plan, staying informed, and taking necessary precautions!

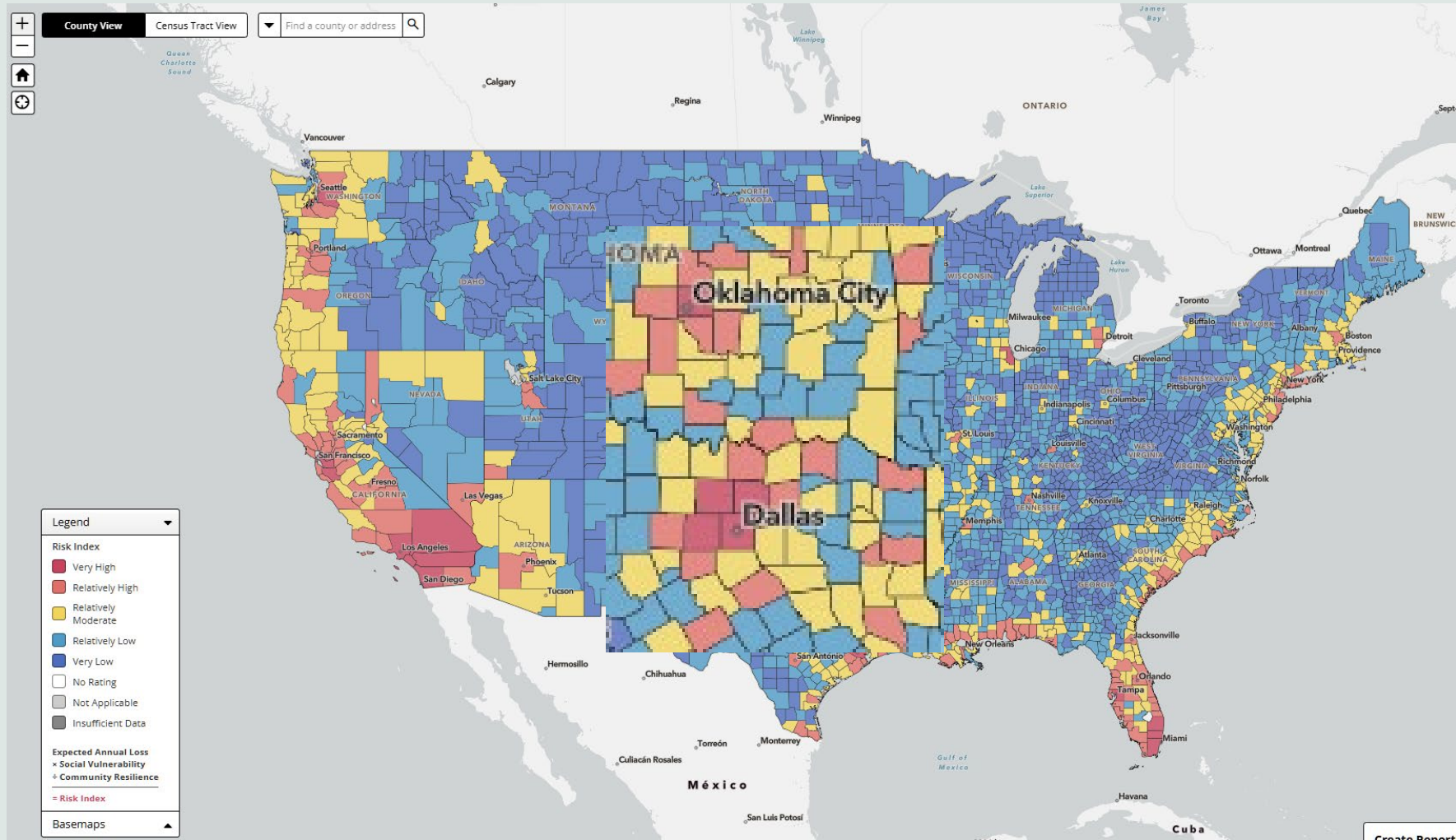
- Winter Storms
- Heat Waves
- Thunderstorms
- Hailstorms
- Tornadoes
- Hurricanes
- Tropical Storms
- Windstorms

Watch Versus Warning

- A watch means there is a chance of severe weather. You will want to stay alert and check regularly for weather updates
- A warning means that concerning weather is occurring. Take appropriate action immediately



FEMA Hazard Map – Tornado Risk



Source: <https://hazards.fema.gov/nri/map>

TORNADO ROTATION

TIME LAPSE!

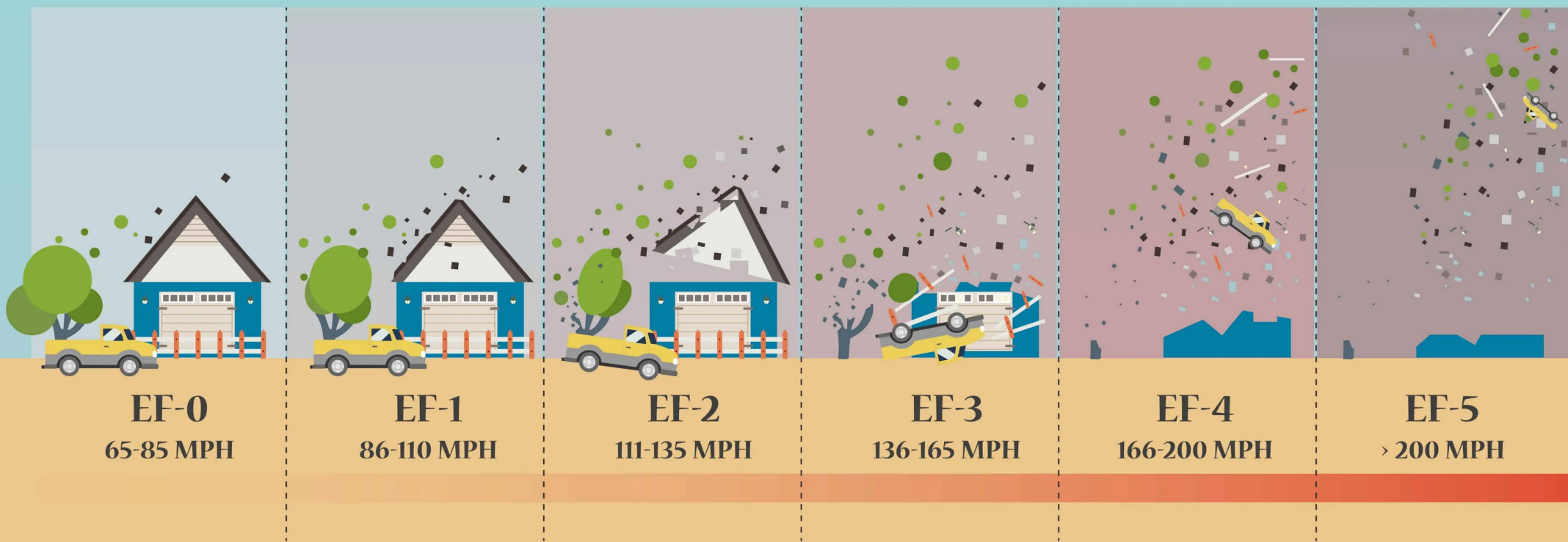
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Tornado EF Scale

TORNADO
Enhanced Fujita Scale



Tornado Spotting



Hazard Discussion - Tornado



Hazard Discussion - Tornado



Tornado Supplies for Storm Room

If you are going to spend 3 days trapped, what do you need?

- Nonperishable Food
- Water (1 Gallon/Day/Person)
- Signaling Device
- Flashlight or Lantern
- Well Stocked First Aid Kit
- Camping Commode/TP
- Medication(s)
- Fire Extinguisher
- Battery Charger
- Weather Radio
- Blanket/Jacket/Coat/Shoes
- Extraction Tools (Hammer, Crowbar, etc.)
- Safety Gear (Helmet, Gloves, Knee Pads)
- Comfortable Chair/Mattress
- Pet Food & Supplies

What Do I Do After A Tornado Warning Has Been Issued?

Home

- Go into your designated shelter space - Important to know before a storm happens
- Go to an interior room or a hallway on the lowest floor and get under a steady piece of furniture
- Stay away from windows

Vehicle

- **Never try to outrun a tornado or seek shelter beneath an overpass**
- Seek shelter in a sturdy building
- Mobile homes should always be evacuated during severe weather.
- If no shelter is available, get out of vehicles and find a low-lying area (ditch, ravine, etc.) lay flat on your stomach and cover your head with your hands

What To Do After A Tornado

- If you smell gas in your home, leave the area then call the gas company. If you can safely turn off the main gas valve, do so. Open windows and doors. Do not smoke, light candles, or use matches. Do NOT turn it back on yourself. Call the gas company or 911
- Wear sturdy shoes or boots, long pants, long sleeves, and gloves when cleaning up
- Beware of unstable trees and limbs. Falling tree limbs are a major cause of injury and death following tornadoes
- Downed power lines are a serious electrocution hazard. Never touch downed power lines or any objects in contact with them, including water

Severe Winter Weather

Emergency Terms:

- **Winter Storm Watch**- Conditions favorable for heavy sleet, ice, heavy snow
- **Winter Storm Warning** - Significant winter weather to include snow, ice, sleet
- **Black Ice** - Cold rain droplets forming clear ice on roadways, creating slick conditions

Protective Actions:

- Winterize your vehicle at the beginning of the season
- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing instead of one heavy layer of clothing
- Winterize your pipes, keep faucets dripping
- Avoid driving on overpasses and bridges



Extreme Heat

Emergency Terms:

- **Heat Advisory - Take Action!** A Heat Advisory is issued for dangerous heat conditions that are not expected to reach warning criteria. Consider postponing or rescheduling outdoor activities, especially during the heat of the day
- **Extreme Heat Watch - Be Prepared!** An Extreme Heat Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for an extreme heat event, but its occurrence and timing is still uncertain. Plan to suspend all major outdoor activities if a warning is issued
- **Extreme Heat Warning - Take Action!** An Extreme Heat Warning is issued when extremely dangerous heat conditions are expected or occurring





What are the signs of heat related illness?

Heat Exhaustion

ACT FAST

- Move to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing
- Sip cool water
- Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve

Dizziness

Thirst

Heavy Sweating

Nausea

Weakness



Heat Stroke

ACT FAST

CALL 911

- Move person to a cooler area
- Loosen clothing and remove extra layers
- Cool with water or ice

Confusion

Dizziness

Becomes Unconscious

Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.

Heat-related illnesses happen when the body cannot properly cool itself

Heat cramps: heavy sweating, muscle pain or spasms. Stop physical activity and move to a cooler place, drink water or a sports drink. Seek medical attention if cramps last more than one hour

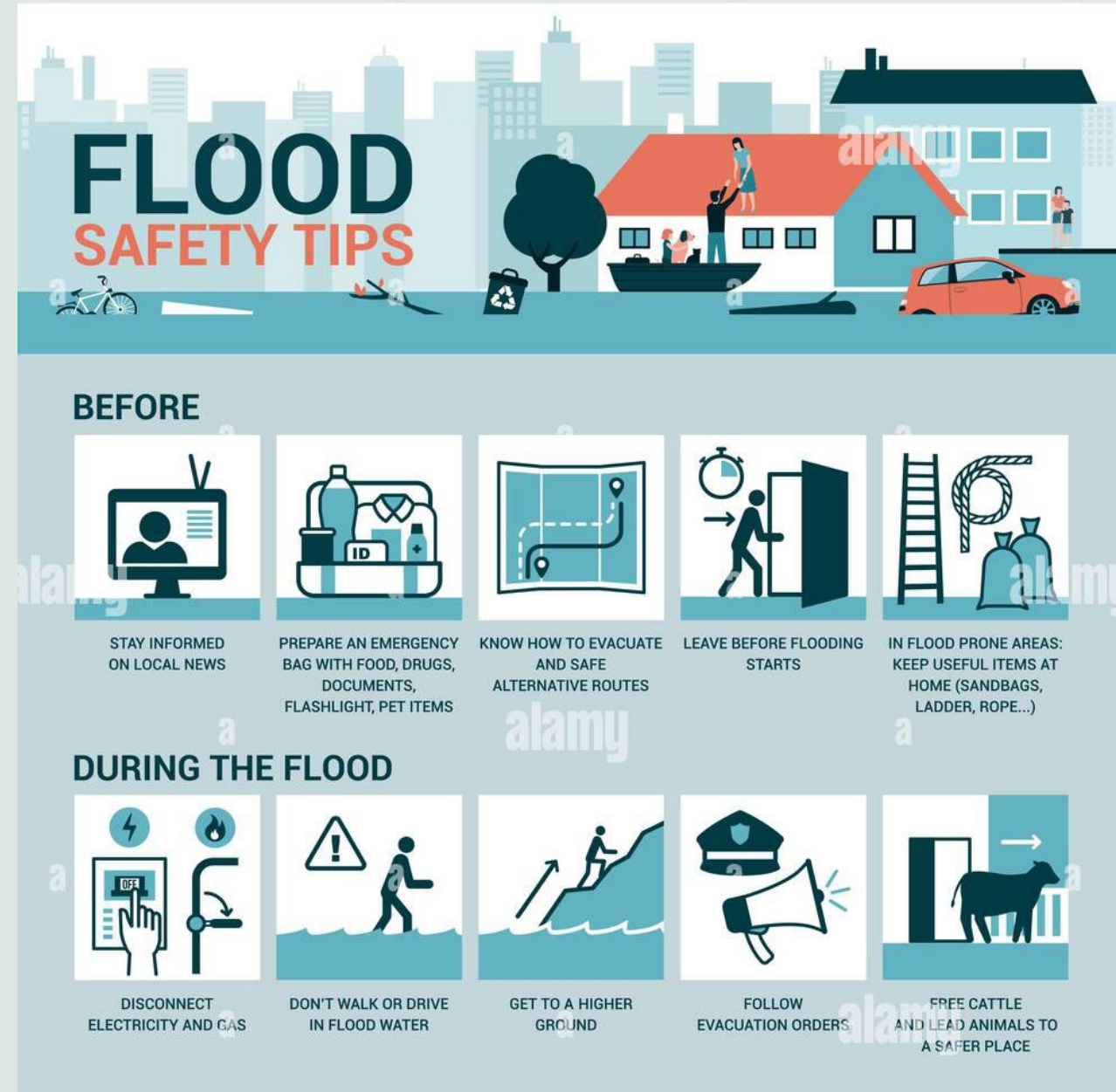
Floods

Emergency Terms:

- **Flash Flood Watch** - Current or developing conditions that are favorable for flash flooding; not certain or imminent
- **Flash Flood Warning** - Flash flooding is imminent or already occurring

Protective Actions:

- TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!
- **SIX** inches of fast-moving water holds enough power to knock over an adult
- **TWO** feet of water can carry away most vehicles
- Avoid areas that are flooded or prone to flash flooding during heavy thunderstorms



Emergency Communications

Emergency Communications



Your Emergency
Communication Plan



Things To Consider:

- Where do you or your family spend most of your time? Is this information shared with all family members? Are addresses and phone numbers provided?
- Do you have meeting places, should you be separated from your loved ones? Someplace in your neighborhood, someplace outside of your neighborhood, and even one out-of-town location
- What emergency phone numbers do you have?
- Are these saved in your phone?
- Or written down?

Family Communication Plan

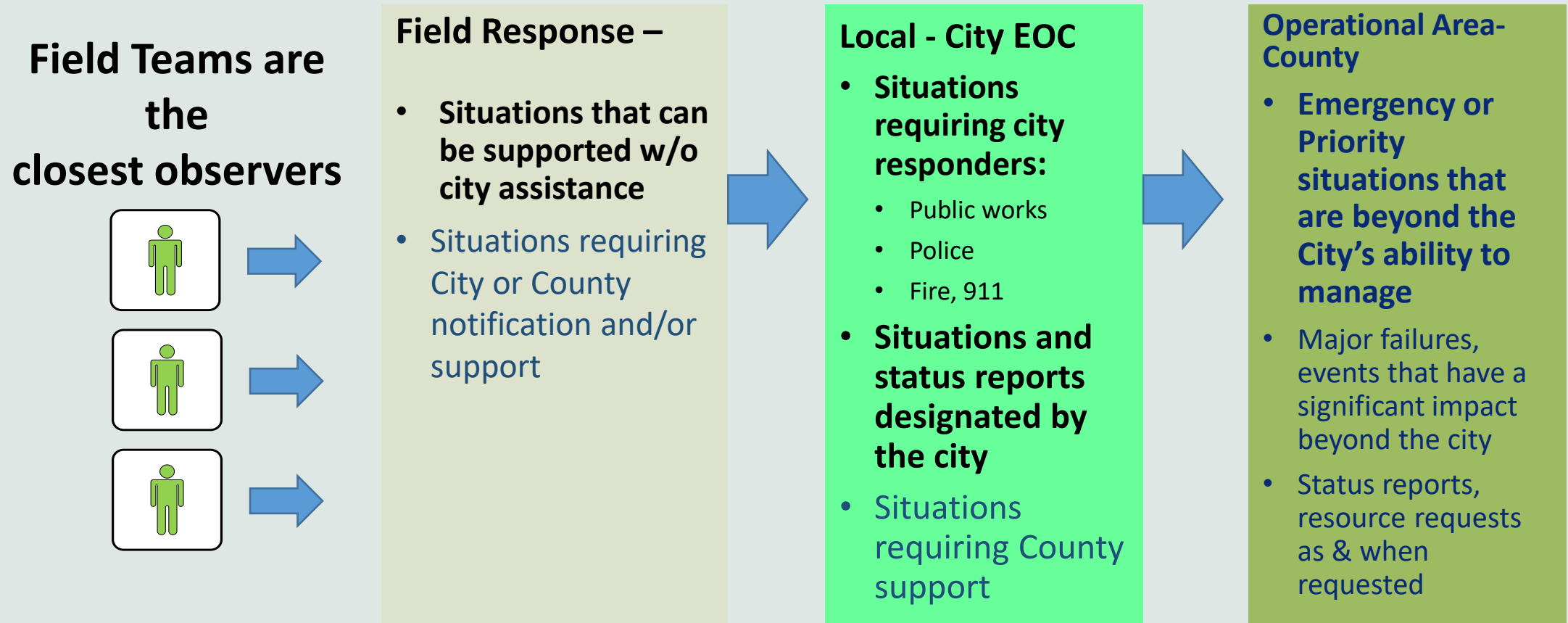
- Emergencies can happen at any time. Does your family know how to contact each other if you are not together?
- **BEFORE** an emergency happens, have a family discussion to determine who would be your out-of-state point of contact, and where you would meet away from your home – both in the neighborhood and within your town where you live
- Complete this information and keep copy in safe place.
- What is your family reunification plan?
- What would you use if you don't have cell service?
- Let them know you're OK!



Disaster Communications: Roles & Response

Concentrate on actionable items. Triage information to avoid overload

Each organizational layer has its own responsibilities, capabilities, and information needs





Communications: Multiple Options

Mode	Technology	Pros	Cons
Simple	• Runner	• Reliable • Flexible • No special training	• Limited distance • Slow
Conventional	• Landline • Cell Phone • Internet	• Familiar • Texts may get through congested networks • Potential high data rates	• Depends on wires or fiber optics and electricity • Likely overwhelmed • May be out for days, weeks or even months
Emergency	• Two-way Radio • FRS GMRS • MURS HAM	• HAM: Extremely reliable • Infrastructure not required • Long range with repeaters	• May require a license • Complex radios • Not secure



Emergency Alerts Systems

- Most jurisdictions, cities and/or counties have their own emergency alert systems
- Sign up for where you **live** and **work** to receive weather warnings and emergency alerts
- **Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA):** Emergency messages from authorized government officials that broadcasts through cell towers to any WEA-**enabled** mobile phone in a local targeted area (geotargeted). It notifies the type of threat and any protective actions you should take
 - National Alerts
 - Imminent Threat Alerts
 - Public Safety Alerts
 - AMBER Alerts
 - Opt-In Text Messages

Outdoor Warning Sirens

True or False?

Outdoor Warning Sirens
are just for Tornadoes?



Outdoor Warning Sirens

False: OWS are not just for tornados!

Jurisdictions typically list on their website when & what they will activate the OWS for. Examples include:

- Natural Emergencies
- Act of Terrorism
- Chemical Emergency
- Nuclear Incident
- Any other reason needed to notify the public of imminent threat/danger

Outdoor Warning Sirens

Outdoor warning sirens (OWS) specifics vary by city.

City/County has 16 OWS strategically placed around City/County. Sirens are **NOT** meant to be heard indoors; they are for **OUTDOOR** warning purposes. If a siren stops, it **DOES NOT** mean the threat has ended

City/County tests its OWS System the first Wednesday of every month at 1:00 p.m., weather permitting

When does City/County activate the OWS?

- Tornado warning issued by the National Weather Service
- Trained storm spotter report of a tornado
- Hail 1.5" or larger in diameter
- Winds of 70 mph or greater
- Other outdoor emergencies



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Emergency Alerts Systems

City/County mass notification system is BTX Alert.

- Tornado warnings
- Severe thunderstorm warnings
- Chemical emergencies
- State emergency declared by governor
- National emergency declared by president
- Other emergencies as directed by mayor, city management or coordinator of emergency management

Useful Websites and APPs

Websites

- NWS Fort Worth • [National Weather Service](#) (also FB and X acct)
- [Texas Ready](#)
- [Plan Ahead for Disasters | Ready.gov](#)
- [www.KnoWhat2Do.com](#)
- [tornado hq - tornado tracker and current tornado warnings](#)

Apps

- Weather Apps: Weather Bug, Weather.com, Accuweather, Flight 24
- Scanner: 5-0 Radio, Broadcastify
- NOAA All Hazards Radio: Radio Garden
- Communication: Groupme, Zello Walkie Talkie

Takeaways and Next Steps

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- Locate and know how to operate your utility controls
- Sign up for City Emergency Notifications & useful applications
- Develop Family Emergency procedures and a Communication Plan
- Collect supplies for Home and Vehicle Emergency Kits
- Learn more about Local Hazards
- Work with neighbors to develop Emergency Support Plan and establish Emergency Communications

Resources

NorthTexasPrepares

- Our goal for North Texas Prepares is to **create a trusted hub** for emergency preparedness and community resilience across North Central Texas
- Whether you're a resident, business owner, educator, or first responder, our tools, data, and resources help you **prepare, respond, and recover** from natural disasters, and other emergencies
- Together we can build a safer, stronger North Central Texas



KnoWhat2Do



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Think.Prepare.Act.

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Collaboration of North Central Texas Region

- Preparedness Program
- Promotes Think, Prepare, and Act strategies
- Promotes whole community emergency preparedness
- Protect your personal safety and the safety of those around you
- Educates users to prepare themselves
 - Severe Weather
 - Local Hazards
 - See Something, Say Something
 - Epidemics/Pandemics



RUN
(AVOID)

Mass Violence Resources

[Mass Violence- KnowWhat2Do](#)

CRASE: Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

- Training program developed by ALERRT (Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training) to prepare civilians for the critical moments during an active shooter incidents
- First few minutes are the most dangerous, often occurring before law enforcement can arrive, which is typically about three minutes
- Practical strategies to **avoid, deny, and defend** against threats, enhancing survival chances
- Typically taught by Law Enforcement personnel





Texas Ready

- Texas Ready is a website with emergency preparedness information on natural disasters
- There is information on how to build a disaster supply kit, things to consider when planning, and tips on how to stay best informed for emergencies
- From the Texas Department of State Health Services

[Texas Ready](#)

**Are you
#TexasReady?**



STEAR

- The **State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR)** program is designed for residents that may need assistance during an emergency
- Registering in STEAR does **NOT** guarantee you will receive a specific service during emergencies





211 Texas/United Way HELPLINE

- A dialing code designated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for Health and Human Service Information and Referral
- One call can connect people to many services
- Toll free
- Available 24/7, 365 days a year
- Accessible in over 350 languages via over the phone interpreters
- The number to call when you don't know who to call
- Nationally Accredited by Inform USA, Inc.





Know your N-1-1-s

- Call **911** emergency services
- Call **811** before you dig
- Call **711** to access telecommunications relay services
- Call **611** to report a phone service issue for information
- Call **511** for Department of Transportation
- Call **411** for directory assistance and information
- Call **311** for local and county services (not in all communities)
- Call **211** to access health and human services resources
- Call **988** National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- Call **800-222-1222** for Texas Poison Center
- Call **888-426-4435** for ASPCA Poison Control *not a free service*



Resources:

- Visit your local Emergency Management website!
- 211: <https://www.211.org/#>
- [Front Page- KnowWhat2Do](#)
- [Texas Ready](#)
- <https://stear.texas.gov/>
- <https://northtexasprepares.nctcog.org>
- [Family Communications Plan for Kids](#)
- [Family Emergency Communication Plan](#)
- [Disasters and Emergencies | Ready.gov](#)

Questions?