

Emergency Preparedness for RHY Projects, Youth & Families

Individual & Community Preparedness Division

FEMA – Region 5

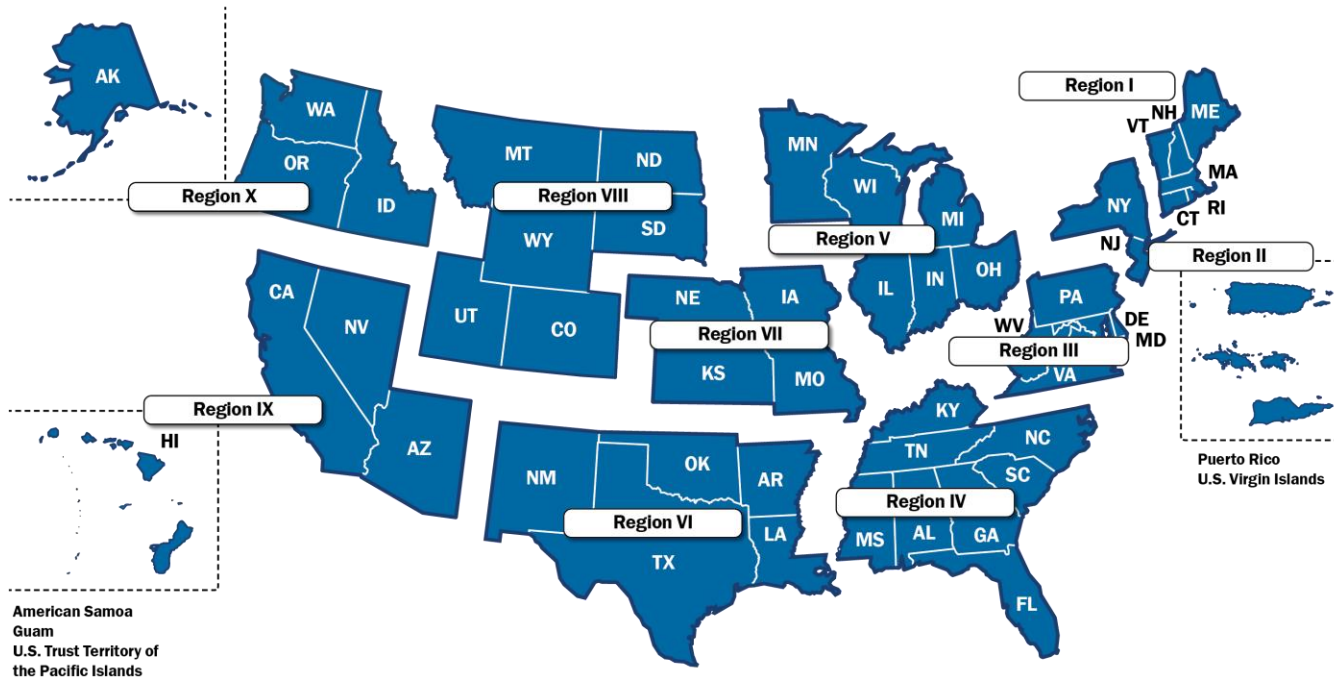


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FEMA's Mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

Region 5

- Over 200 fulltime employees
- Located in Chicago and covers the states of IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI
- Second largest population among FEMA's 10 regions



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Agenda

	Topic
4:30 – 4:40 PM	Welcome & Introductions
4:40 – 4:55 PM	Individual Preparedness
4:55 – 5:25 PM	Engaging Youth in Preparedness
5:25 – 5:35 PM	Organizational Preparedness for Youth Serving Organizations
5:35- 5:40 PM	Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Question & Answer• Overview



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Learning Objectives

- Understand the importance of individual preparedness and how individuals play a critical role in response both at home and in the field
- Understand the role youth play in emergency management and preparedness
- Learn about the importance of continuity planning through publicly available resources such as the OPEN training as well as empower community-based organizations to prepare for incidents
- Access and utilize FEMA preparedness resources available publicly

Ice Breaker

The background image shows the lower legs and feet of two people standing on a grassy area. The person on the left is wearing light blue denim jeans with significant rips at the knees and white sneakers with red accents. The person on the right is wearing light blue jeans and dark blue sneakers with white accents. The entire image is covered with a semi-transparent blue filter. Centered over this image is white text.

**Tell us about the specific population(s) you serve?
How many clients do yo serve?**

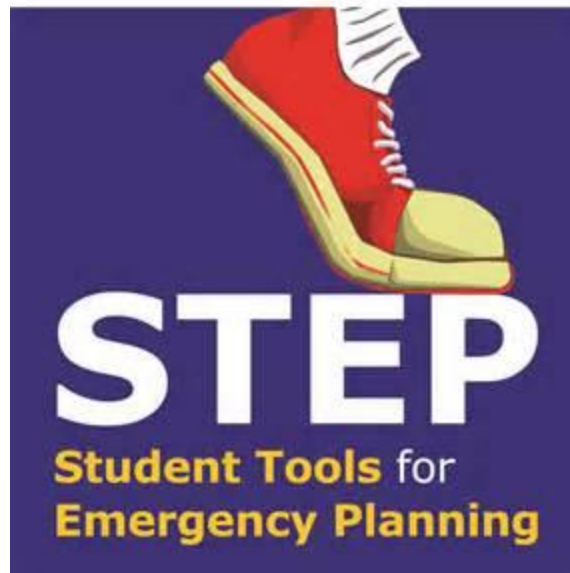


On a scale of 1-5 how prepared do you think your organization is for unexpected emergencies or disasters?

The background of the slide features a serene blue gradient representing a sky and ocean. In the lower half, the silhouettes of two individuals are captured in mid-air, jumping with their arms raised in a gesture of triumph or joy. The person on the left is in a more compact, tucked jumping pose, while the person on the right has their arms spread wide and their hair flowing, suggesting a more exuberant leap. The overall mood is one of positivity and achievement.

Why do you think preparedness is important?

FEMA Individual & Community Preparedness Programs



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**Why is Personal
Preparedness
Important?**





**ARE YOU
READY?**

Why is Preparedness Important?

- Protect yourself and your loved ones from harm
- Recover faster after a disaster
- If you and your family are prepared...then you'll be able to help others



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People and Families that plan for emergencies will:

- Help keep people safe
- Limit property damage
- Know what to do during and after a disaster
- Better manage their savings
- Support community preparedness
- Help their community get back up and running after a disaster.



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The Whole Community Approach



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What is an Emergency?

- A serious, unexpected, often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.



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What is a Disaster?

- A serious disruption of the functioning of a community or society causing widespread human, material, economic or environmental losses which exceed the ability of the affected community or society to cope using its own resources.



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Types of Disasters

Natural Disasters

A disaster caused by natural forces



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Manmade Disasters

A disaster attributed in part or entirely to human intent, error, negligence, or involving a failure of a man-made system





Be Informed

There are a variety of materials available for you to learn how to better prepare yourself, your family, and your community

Plan Ahead

Create an emergency plan for yourself and your family

Build a Kit

Take Action

Find ways to let others know what they can do to be more prepared

Participate in community initiatives and programs, or start your own

Be Informed

- Know what disasters can happen in your area
- Understand what protective actions to take during specific emergencies and disasters
- Know your alerts and warnings
- Opt-in to your local jurisdiction's text or email alerts
- Download apps from FEMA or the American Red Cross



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Alerts and Warnings

- It's important to stay up to date on alerts and warning active in your area!
- Many local news stations have their own apps!
 - Gives you real time news alerts and warnings in the area
- Sign up for your local emergency alerts
 - County Alerts System
 - Apps with location specific alerts (FEMA, Red Cross, The Weather Channel)



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Plan Ahead

- Put together a family plan so everyone in the household knows what to do in case of an emergency
- Identify responsibilities for each person
- Create a Family Emergency Plan
- Have two designated meet up locations for your household
 - One primary and one back up
- Practice your plan regularly!



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Make a Plan



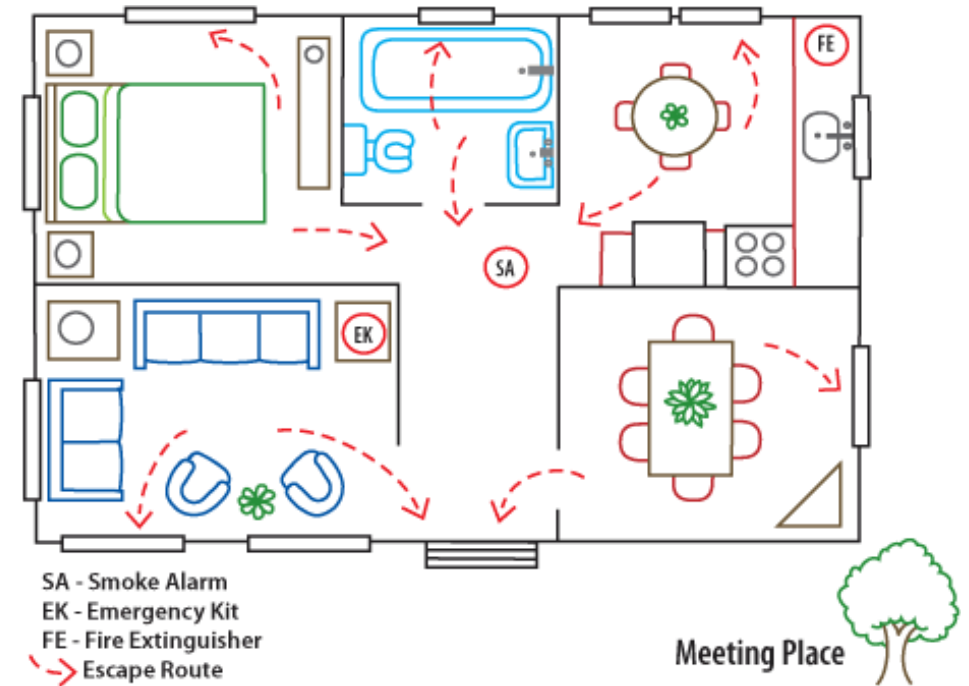
- Meet with your household members and identify responsibilities for each person
- Identify emergencies and disasters emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work & play and discuss how to prepare for and respond to those emergencies.



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Evacuating

- Decide **2 places to go**
 - 1 primary
 - 1 backup
- Identify what route you would take to get there
- Practice your plan **twice a year**
- **Plan ahead** for pets and anyone with special needs
- **Draw** an Evacuation Plan Map



Plan what to do if you must evacuate

Considerations When Planning

- Have backup childcare and pet care plans
- Plan for any special needs
- Have an evacuation AND a shelter in place plan
- Ask about emergency plans at places where you live and work
 - Schools
 - Assisted living facilities
 - Houses of worship
 - Work
 - Community Centers



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What should go in a Disaster Kit?



Build A Kit

Have enough food, water and other supplies to support your needs for several days.



Ready. ✓



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Special Considerations when Planning

Don't forget to include items for populations that require special attention:

- Pregnant women
- Infants and children
- Elderly
- Individuals with disabilities
- Pets



Preparing for Disasters During COVID-19

- Have emergency cash ready, at least \$400 is recommended
- Keep **sanitary items** in your go-kit, such as hand sanitizer, disinfectant, and masks
- Designate a location to go to if you need to evacuate—try to avoid shelters whenever possible! (i.e. Family/Friends, Temporary housing, Hotels)
- If you do need to go to a shelter, heed all **social distancing** and **safety precautions** recommended by staff
- Consider your pets—many vets are not offering boarding services



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Take Action

- Consider joining local volunteer programs, such as Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)
- Encourage your friends and neighbors to prepare
- Donate responsibly after disasters by providing cash, not goods, to the American Red Cross or another reputable organization



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Receive **real-time alerts** from the National Weather Service for up to five locations nationwide.



Learn **emergency safety tips** for over 20 types of disasters, including earthquakes, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes and more.



Locate open **emergency shelters** in your area and find **disaster recovery centers** where you can talk to FEMA in person.



Toggle between **English** and **Spanish**.



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A blue-tinted photograph of three young people, two men and one woman, looking off to the side. The person in the foreground is a young man with glasses, looking towards the right. Behind him are two other young people, also looking in the same direction. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a fence and some trees.

Engaging Youth in Preparedness



Why Youth?

- Prepared youth make prepared adults
- Youth are natural leaders



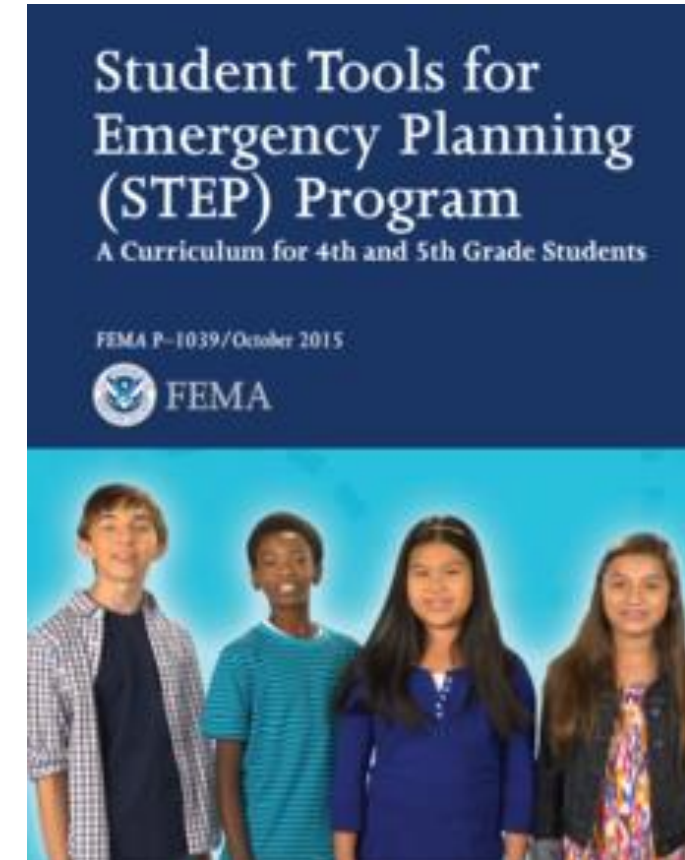
ICPD Youth Programming

- FEMA'S youth preparedness programs provide resources and know-how to communities across the country empowering youth to:
 1. Learn the hazards that affect their community
 2. Understand how to stay safe during an emergency
 3. Practice critical emergency response skills
 4. Lead preparedness-building activities in their communities



Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP)

- Student Tools for Emergency Planning, or STEP, is a classroom-based emergency preparedness curriculum for fourth and fifth graders designed in an easy, ready-to-teach format. Students will learn about disasters, emergencies, and hazards, and how to create a disaster supply kit and family emergency communication plan.



A photograph of four teenagers walking down a school hallway lined with lockers. They are all wearing green hard hats, white face masks, and green safety vests with reflective yellow stripes. They are also wearing yellow gloves. The hallway is brightly lit with overhead fluorescent lights. The lockers are blue and silver.

TEEN CERT

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program is a national program of volunteers trained in disaster preparedness and emergency response. Volunteers come from all ages and all walks of life, including teenagers like you! Through Teen CERT, you can serve your community and help take care of your school and home

PREPARE WITH PEDRO



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Prepare with Pedro

Disaster Preparedness Activity Book
for K-5

Teaches kids about disasters and
associated preparedness and safety
actions

National Youth Preparedness Council

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National Youth Preparedness Council

- Brings together 15 youth leaders from across the country to build a culture of preparedness.
- Council members attend an annual summit in Washington D.C and work together to complete emergency preparedness projects.
- Encourages members to complete preparedness projects at home and in their communities.

Regional Youth Preparedness Council

- One-year commitment
- Members complete an individual service project related to community preparedness
- Work with local and state governments and organizations and attend local events
- Resume builder for higher education and future careers
- Meet people from all over the region (Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana)
- Build leadership and professional skills for years to come



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Sample YPC Projects

- Talk with students, administrators, and the public on how to handle an emergency active shooter situation
- Promote youth preparedness through social media outlets
- Distribute preparedness resources
- Prepare local teens with CPR and first-aid training in collaboration with the American Red Cross



Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN)

community.fema.gov/opentraining



Why is Organizational Preparedness Important?

- Help your organization keep its doors open during and after a disruption
- Save your organization money when an event strikes
- Ensure worker safety
- Ensure the safety of people your serve and continuity of services to support the people you serve
- Allow you to continue to help your community during and after an incident
- Save lives



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Why is Organizational Preparedness Important? (Cont.)

Preparedness Programs...

- Protect the safety of employees, visitors, contractors, and others at risk from hazards at the facility
- Maintain customer service by minimizing interruptions or disruptions to business operations
- Protect facilities, physical assets, and electronic information
- Prevent environmental contamination
- Protect the organizations brand, image, and reputation



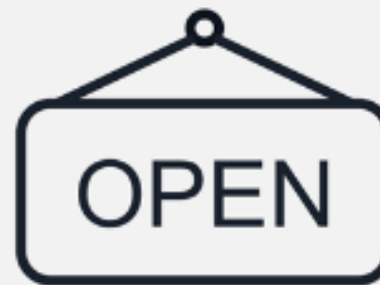
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What is the OPEN Training?

- OPEN is both a **self-guided online course** for individuals and a **downloadable instructor-led course** available for groups.
- OPEN offers participants the opportunity to explore **several preparedness resources**.
- <https://volunteernh.org/open-gcv2020/>



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Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs



Prepare Your Community-Based Organization for Disasters **Now!**

Take the training at [Ready.gov/open-training](https://ready.gov/open-training)



OPEN Training

- Focuses on 10 preparedness **actions**
- Objectives:
 - Describe the role of CBOs in disasters
 - Identify risks
 - Describe preparedness actions
 - Locate resources



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Understand Risks



Safeguard Critical Information



Mitigate Risks



Establish a Communications Plan



Identify the People You Serve



Cross-Train Key Individuals



Determine Essential Activities



Formalize Plans



Consider the Supply Chain



Regularly Test and Update Plans

Course Units

OPEN is divided into 4 units

Unit	Duration
Welcome and Introduction	10 Minutes
Unit 1: CBOs in the Context of Incidents	45 Minutes
Unit 2: CBOs and Preparedness	60 Minutes
Unit 3: Improving Your CBO's Preparedness	60 Minutes
Unit 4: Before You Go	5 Minutes
Total Time	180 Minutes



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About OPEN

Target audience

- Directors
 - Owners
 - Staff members
 - Volunteers of CBOs.
- Approximately 2.5-hour training.
 - Designed for an interactive classroom delivery.

Course Delivery Options

Course Delivery Option	Duration	Description
Full Course	180 minutes	The full course delivery option includes all of the material contained within the course. The instructor will lead lecture, discussion, and group activities.
Full Course Without Activities	90 minutes	The 90-minute course option includes going through all course slides without conducting any of the activities.
Preparedness Actions: Key Points	30 minutes	The 30-minute course option includes going through only the title slide and “Key Points” slide of each preparedness action.



How do I access the training?

- Online
 - www.ready.gov/open-training
- In-person
 - Take the training online
 - Download training materials
 - Schedule & deliver training



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A group of seven children are captured in a moment of pure joy, jumping and cheering on a rocky shoreline. The children are dressed in casual summer attire, including t-shirts and shorts. The background features a calm ocean under a clear sky, with a distant bridge visible on the horizon. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter, which serves as a backdrop for the white text.

Other Ways to Keep Your Organizations Prepared

Practicing Emergency Plans & Drills

- What kind of drills should you do?
- What information will you need?
- What processes are involved in these drills?
- Who should be invited?
- When should the exercise be done?
- How will you measure success?



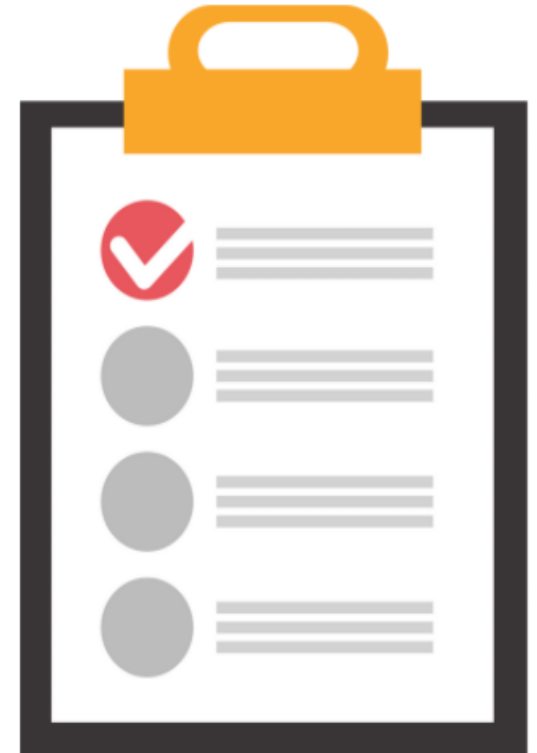
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Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

An Emergency Operations Plan is a document that describes how people and property will be protected during an emergency.

- **Comprehensive document that:**
 - Assigns responsibilities for specific actions
 - Establishes lines of authority
 - Describes how people and property will be protected
 - Identifies personnel, equipment, and other resources
 - Coordinates with other plans



Assess Your Risks

- ❑ Think about where your organization is located. Is your property located somewhere prone to tornadoes? Snow or ice storms? Flooding?
- ❑ Are your employees prepared at home?
- ❑ What would happen if one of these hazards shut down your organization temporarily?
- ❑ Think about where your organization is located. Is your property located somewhere prone to tornadoes? Snow or ice storms? Flooding?
- ❑ What are some specific characteristics of your site that might make it more susceptible to certain risks?
- ❑ What is your responsibility in each of these events?



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Things to Consider When Creating/Assessing Your Organization's Emergency Plan

- ❑ Which risks is your organization currently prepared to handle and which are you less confident in addressing?
- ❑ What would happen if you abandoned your physical space for a few days?
- ❑ How long would your organization be able to operate if its revenue stopped today?
- ❑ What actions can you take to mitigate the risks you've identified? (i.e. insurance)



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Resources for writing an Emergency Operations Plan

- [IS-235.C: Emergency Planning](#)
- [IS-366.A: Planning for the Needs of Children in Disasters](#)
- [Developing & Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans](#)



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Lessons Learned from COVID-19

Things to Think About:

- How can the resources from OPEN be incorporated in your emergency operations plan?
- As leadership, how can we better prepare stakeholders to think more holistically on preparedness?



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Additional Resources

- [Ready.gov/plan](https://www.ready.gov/plan)
- [Ready.gov/kit](https://www.ready.gov/kit)
- [Ready.gov/kids](https://www.ready.gov/kids)
- Take a free online independent study course through [FEMA's Emergency Management Institute](#) and gain more knowledge to help your community become more prepared.
- [You are the Help Until Help Arrives](#)
- [Emergency Financial First Aid Kit \(EFFAK\)](#)



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What Can You Do Now?

- Take steps to prepare yourself and your families because preparedness starts with YOU!
- Engage and encourage youth you serve to become involved in local emergency preparedness efforts.
- Begin assessing your organization's emergency operations plan or discuss your plan with your program manager or emergency manager.
- Assess your organization's risks.

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Thank you!



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