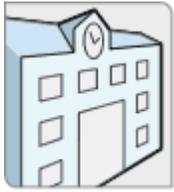


AT WORK AND SCHOOL



Like individuals and families, schools, daycare providers, workplaces, neighborhoods and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans.

Ask about plans at the places where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. If none exist, consider volunteering to help develop one. You will be better prepared to safely reunite your family and loved ones during an emergency if you think ahead, and communicate with others in advance.

For more information on working together, visit [Citizen Corps](#).

Neighborhoods and Apartment Buildings

A community working together during an emergency makes sense.

- **Talk to your neighbors** about how you can **work together** during an emergency.
- **Find out if anyone has specialized equipment** like a power generator, or expertise such as medical knowledge, that might help in a crisis.
- Decide who will **check on elderly or disabled neighbors**.
- **Make back-up plans** for children in case you can't get home in an emergency.
- Sharing plans and **communicating in advance** is a good strategy.

Schools and Daycare

If you are a parent, or guardian of an elderly or disabled adult, make sure schools and daycare providers have emergency response plans.

- Ask how they will **communicate** with families during a crisis.
- Ask if they **store** adequate food, water and other basic supplies.
- Find out if they are **prepared** to "shelter-in-place" if need be, and where they plan to go if they must get away.

For more information on developing emergency preparedness plans for schools, please visit the U.S. Department of Education at <http://www.ed.gov/emergencyplan>.

Employers

If you are an employer, make sure your workplace has a building evacuation plan that is regularly practiced.

- Take a critical look at your **heating, ventilation and air conditioning system** to determine if it is secure or if it could feasibly be upgraded to better filter potential contaminants, and be sure you know how to turn it off if you need to.
- Think about what to do if your employees **can't go home**.
- Make sure you have appropriate **supplies** on hand.
- Read more at [Get a Kit](#) and [Staying Put](#).

For more information on specific building threats, see "[Protecting Building Environments from Airborne Chemical, Biological, or Radiological Attacks](#)" from [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health](#).