
ARE YOU READY?

Disaster can strike when you least expect it... SO PREPARE

MAKE A PLAN - Develop an emergency plan that includes evacuation from your home, your community, and your state. Obtain emergency phone numbers and secure an out of state contact. Practice the escape routes from your home with your family. Include your pets. Develop a meeting place outside your home. Also, keep vital records and insurance papers in an easy-carry, waterproof container.

MAKE A KIT – Collect and assemble disaster supplies, which include food, water and supplies for at least 3 days. Also include first aid kit and manual, matches, warm clothing, bedding, cash and coins, flashlight and batteries, sanitation & hygiene items, medications, eye glasses, pet supplies and elderly and baby needs.

GET TRAINED – Learn about the hazards that may strike your community, the risks you face from these hazards, and your community's plans for warning and evacuation. Obtain this information from your local emergency preparedness office. Learn how to shut off your utilities safely. Learn how to shelter-in-place.

Disaster Education Web sites
www.ready.gov
www.dhs.gov
www.fema.gov
www.redcross.org



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Using their training, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event and can take a more active role in preparing their community.

The CERT program is administered by Department of Homeland Security.

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CERT is a proud partner of Citizen Corps and the effort to have everyone in America prepare, train, and volunteer.



Programs & Partners

What Is CERT Training?

In a 21-hour hands-on course, CERT members are trained to:

- ✓ prepare for a disaster
- ✓ describe the types of hazards most likely to affect their communities
- ✓ identify risks & reduce fire hazards
- ✓ work in a team setting
- ✓ learn the Incident Command System
- ✓ apply basic fire suppression strategies
- ✓ apply basic first aid techniques to open airways, control bleeding & treat shock
- ✓ perform head-to-toe assessments
- ✓ employ first aid treatments
- ✓ set up treatment areas
- ✓ size-up search & rescue situations
- ✓ conduct light search & rescue operations
- ✓ use safe techniques for debris removal & victim extrication.

Why Take CERT Training?

The primary reason for CERT training is to give people the decision-making organizational and practical skills to offer immediate assistance to family members, neighbors, and associates while waiting for help. The goal of the CERT program is to train volunteers to be effective and efficient in disaster mitigation, response and recovery without placing themselves in unnecessary danger.

How do I take CERT training?

To become a CERT member, you will need to complete the CERT training course administered by a sponsoring agency like an emergency management agency, fire department or police department. Contact the local emergency manager where you live or work and ask about CERT education and training opportunities available to you.

Citizen Corps

CERT is a proud member of Citizen Corps.



Citizen Corps is comprised of 5 major programs, which include Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS), Fire Corps, Neighborhood Watch, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), as well as affiliate programs. The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to help make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

Do the greatest good for the greatest number of people.