2019 National Preparedness Month
Ready Outreach Campaign
National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is observed each September in the United States.

National Preparedness Month encourages Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities throughout the year.

Ready.gov provides information to help the general public prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Week 1: Sept 1-7
Save Early for Disaster Costs

Week 2: Sept 8-14
Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters

Week 3: Sept 15-21
Teach Youth to Prepare for Disasters

Week 4: Sept 22-30
Get Involved in Your Community’s Preparedness
Be prepared, not scared.
Prepared, Not Scared

- Aimed at parents and caregivers – to have conversations now about what to do in case of an emergency or disaster.
- Safe PSAs and website pages so kids can freely browse, without parents having to worry.
- Updated search feature – easy to find games and resources aimed at children and teaching youth more about disaster preparedness.
2019 NPM Campaign Resources in English and Spanish

- Ready.gov/kids redesigned webpages
- Tips for individuals, families, businesses & communities
- Financial planning tools
- Social Media

www.ready.gov/september
www.listo.gov/septiembre
Build a kit
Prepare Your Health

cdc.gov/prepyourhealth

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What is ‘Prepare Your Health’

- All-hazard personal health preparedness info:
  - Personal health preparedness
  - Plan ahead
  - Create community

- Aggregate site
- #PrepYourHealth
Prepare Your Health:
Personal Health Preparedness
What is ‘personal health preparedness’?

- Personal health preparedness is about having the wherewithal to maintain & protect your family’s health throughout an emergency.
  - Personal needs
  - Prescriptions
  - Paperwork
  - Power sources
  - Practical skills
Personal needs

- The things—the stuff—you will need to protect your family’s health until help arrives:
  - Assistive technologies
  - First aid supplies
  - Pet, infant, & child care supplies
Prescriptions

- About 1/2 of Americans take a prescription drug daily.
  
  • Talk to your doctor about creating an emergency supply.
  
  • List medications, medical supply needs, & known allergies.
  
  • [State emergency prescription refill laws](http://www.cdc.gov/preyourhealth)
Paperwork

- Collect & protect important paperwork & personal data.
  - Health insurance cards
  - Personal care plans
  - Veterinary records
  - Vital records

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Power sources

- Prepare for a prolonged power outage with alternative lighting & backup power sources
  - Flashlight or head lamp
  - Batteries in common sizes
  - Chargers & power banks
  - Generator & extension cord
Practical skills

- **Self-health & life-saving skills & lessons** that can be easily learned, quickly taught to others, & practiced every day:
  - Basic swimming skills
  - Effective handwashing
  - Safe generator use
CDC Digital Media Toolkit

- Personal Health Preparedness
- State & local health departments
Future Toolkits

- Hot wash
- Resources
- Promotion
- Topics
  - Plan ahead
  - Create community
Thank you
For more information, contact CDC
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