

## Family Disaster and Emergency Planning

You may not be with your family if a disaster should occur. Decide how you will contact one another and make a plan for what you will do in different situations.

- Long-distance phone calls may be easier to make than local calls during an emergency. An out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members. Cellular phones may not work.
- Be sure each person in your family knows the phone number and has coins or a prepaid phone card to reach the contact.
- If you have trouble getting through, or the telephone system is down altogether, be patient.

### Emergency Information

Learn what types of disasters are more likely to occur in your area and how you will be notified. Methods of getting your attention vary from community to community. One method is to broadcast via **emergency radio** and **TV broadcasts**. You might hear a special siren, or get a telephone call, or emergency workers may report disasters by going door-to-door.

Contact the closest chapter of the [American Red Cross](#) for emergency information for your community, in Clark County that's (812) 282-7521.

### Emergency Plans

Inquire about emergency plans at places where your family spends time, such as work, daycare and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one! Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together in the event of an emergency.

## Learn More

Find out how to prepare a family emergency plan by visiting the [ReadyAmerica](#) website, from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.