

[September 11: National Preparedness Month: Take Control in 1, 2, 3](#)

Step One: Make a Plan



Sept. 11-17: Take Control in 1, 2, 3: Make a Plan!

Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes—you may be at work, school, medical appointment, etc., so it is important to know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated.

The first step is to **make a plan**. Your plan should be tailored to meet the specific needs of your household. It is important to involve all your household members; create contact lists that are easily accessible; identify a meeting location and how you will communicate; and share and practice your plan with your household.

When developing your plan keep in mind the following:

- Different ages of members within your household
- Responsibilities for assisting others
- Locations frequented
- Dietary needs
- Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment
- Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
- Languages spoken
- Cultural and religious considerations
- Pets or service animals
- Households with school-aged children

Visit www.ready.gov/plan and www.acgov.org/ready/plan.htm for additional tips and resources. #NPM2023

Take care and stay safe!

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