



DC Responds to Major Emergencies and Disasters: How YOU Can Prepare

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- Overview of DC HSEMA
- DC Threats and Hazards
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Preparedness and ReadyDC Resources
- Disaster Training

- Mission:
 - The mission of the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) is to lead the planning and coordination of homeland security and emergency management efforts to ensure that the District of Columbia is prepared to prevent, protect against, respond to, mitigate and recover from all threats and hazards.
- Vision:
 - A safe and secure District of Columbia prepared for all threats and hazards
- Interim Agency Director:
 - Clint Osborn
- Website:
 - hsema.dc.gov

Phases of Emergency Management



EOC Functions



EOM Community Relations and JIC

DC FEMS

MPD

DC Health

DPW

DDOT

1. Planning and Preparation
2. Inclusion/Demographic Diversity
3. Collaboration and Shared Purpose
4. Openness and Learning
5. Transparency and Trust
6. Impact and Action
7. Sustained Engagement and a Participating Culture



How WE engage our Community, Our Partners

- Outreach and Integration
- Accessible Emergency Communications
- Post Emergency Canvassing Operations
- Evacuation Planning
- Accessible Emergency Transportation
- Mass Care (Power and Shelter)
- Emergency Planning, Training, and Exercises

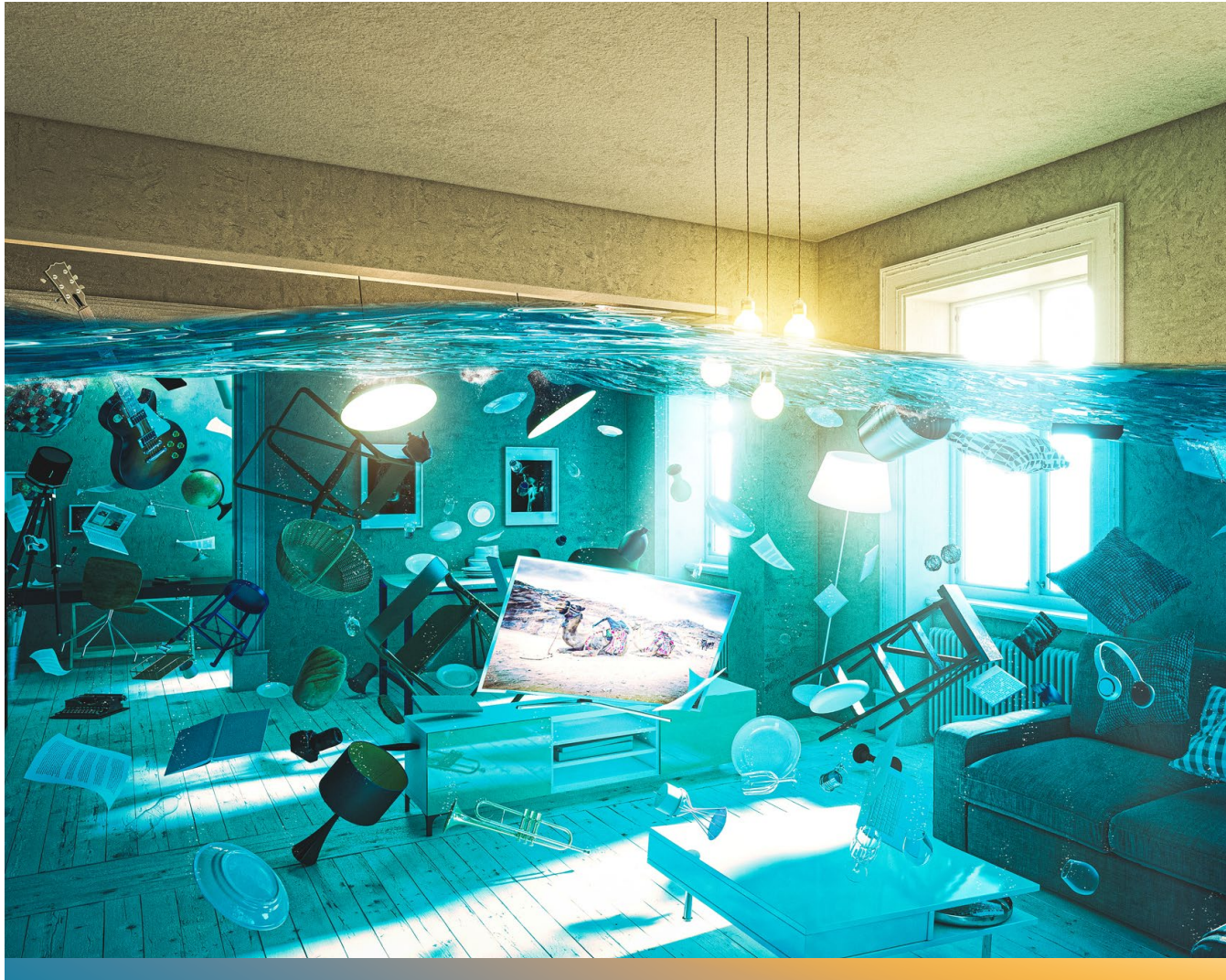
- Our 24/7 DC Fusion Center sends timely, accurate, and useful alerts and notifications before, during, and following emergencies.
- We lead the District's Post Emergency Canvassing Operations (PECO), where we engage impacted communities to understand short and long-term needs to coordinate resources for recovery.
- ReadyDC is the District's campaign to ensure residents understand the District's risk profile and know what they can do to improve their preparedness. As part of this campaign, HSEMA regularly meets with the community to enhance community knowledge, encourage residents to sign up for emergency alerts through AlertDC, and hear about how the community experiences risk.
- The Resilience Bureau regularly partners with other agencies to pursue hazard mitigation projects or planning initiatives that integrate community feedback. For example, in partnership with the Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), the District collected input on the design of a new park in a Southwest neighborhood that will reduce flood risk.

- The 27 Hazards can be found in the Community Risk Assessment.
- The 2022 CRA is an assessment of threats and hazards to DC.
- The hazards range from human-caused to technological to natural disasters.
- Each community engagement team member is assigned two Wards in which they are to schedule community engagement events that speak to risks and vulnerabilities for each Ward.



The CRA identifies the following threats and hazards of concern to the District

- Active shooter/armed assault
- Biological release
- Chemical/explosive/radiological attack
- Civil unrest
- Cybersecurity incidents
- Drought/water shortage
- Earthquake/sinkhole
- Electromagnetic pulse (EMP)
- Epidemic/pandemic



The CRA identifies the following threats and hazards of concern to the District

- Erosion/subsidence/sea level rise
- Extreme temperatures (heat/cold)
- Flood (riverine/inland/sewer)
- Hazmat release
- Hurricane/tropical storm
- Improvised/nuclear terrorism attack
- Industrial accident
- Levee/dam failure
- Pipeline explosion

The CRA identifies the following threats and hazards of concern to the District

- Radiological release
- Solar activity disruptions
- Thunderstorm/hail/lightning
- Train derailment
- Transportation accident
- Urban conflagration (fire)
- Utility disruption
- Wind event (tornado/derecho)
- Winter storm/blizzard



- Reduce stress and anxiety
 - Mitigate injury
 - Maintain social connections
 - Help others
 - Promote personal and community resilience
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- ***FEMA Resource: Are You Ready? An In-Depth Guide to Citizen Preparedness P-2064 | September 2020 | Multiple Languages***
<https://www.ready.gov/collection/are-you-ready>

Emergency Preparedness



Take Four Steps to Readiness!



1

Be Aware.

2

Make a
Plan.

3

Build a Kit.

4

Stay
Informed.

BE AWARE

Get the alerts you want including police, traffic, community alerts and more - directly from the District of Columbia's public safety officials and emergency manager.

BE READY

Alerts can be sent to you via text, email, cell phone, landline, and mobile app - you choose how.

BE SAFE AlertDC will tell you where to go, what to do, and how to stay informed.



How will you contact your loved ones? Where will you meet?
What will you do with pets and service animals?

Do you have the supplies you need? Do you know where your
important documents are?

How will you keep your home safe?

Customize the plan for you and your situation!

MAKE THE RIGHT CALL

CALL 911



Crimes in Progress



Medical Emergencies



Fire, Smoke, or Smell of Gas

CALL ^{★ ★ ★}311



City Services and Information



Noise Complaints



Unoccupied Vehicle
Related Incidents



Vandalism, Destruction,
and Property Damage

For more information, visit ouc.dc.gov.



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MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

Call if you can, Text if you can't

In an emergency, a voice call is preferred. However, in those instances when you're unable to call, you can text 911.

Text to 911 is intended for use in 3 emergency scenarios:

- If a person is the victim of a crime and the perpetrator is still in the area
- For someone who is deaf, hard of hearing, or has a speech disability and needs to reach 911
- In situations where a person has sustained an injury that prevents him/her from speaking

Ways To Report Suspicious Activity To MPD



To report **immediate** threats or emergencies, **call or text 911**

To report **anonymous** tips or information, text to **50411**

To report suspicious activity or behavior, **call (202) 727-9099**

Make a report using **iWATCHdc.org**

- **Assess – What Do I have? What Do I Need?**
 - Family Members, Pets
 - Plan for people with access and/or functional needs
- **Plan and Gather**
 - Essential items such as non-perishable food, water, medications, seasonal clothes
 - First-aid supplies, blanket, important documents, chargers for mobile devices, flashlight, whistle, cash, masks, waterproof materials, personal hygiene
- **Store**
 - In your home, office, and car
 - On your commute (pedestrian, bus, train, bicycle, scooter, etc.)
 - Rotate your kits during seasons



BUILD A KIT



Customize to your situation



Food & Water

1 gallon water per person
3-day supply of food



Basic Tools

Flashlight
Radio
Whistle
Dust Mask
Fire Extinguisher
Battery charges
Duct tape



Medical Supplies

First aid kit
Prescription medicine
Hand sanitizer
Face mask



Important Documents

Insurance policies
Driver's license
Birth Certificate
Bank records
Cash
Local maps
Phone numbers



Vehicle Kit

Jumper cables
Cat litter or sand
First aid
Shovel
Ice Scraper
Warm clothes, sturdy boots
Blanket
Full tank of gas

Stay Informed

- Sign up for AlertDC
- ready.dc.gov
- ready.gov
- dchealth.dc.gov
- doee.dc.gov
- redcross.org
- forecast.weather.gov

- *Mayor's Office on Volunteerism and Partnerships -*
<https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/servedc>



- First aid/ CPR/AED
- Bleeding Control/ Use of Tourniquets
- Psychological Impact of Disaster
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT at Serve DC)
- Online courses at the Emergency Management Institute (EMI)
- <https://www.cisa.gov/topics/physical-security/active-shooter-preparedness>
- DC HSEMA Training Academy
 - <https://hsema.dc.gov/hsema-training-and-exercise>

1

Gather emergency essential supplies and build disaster kits

2

Review and test emergency action and response plans

3

Coordinate with police/building security and fire department

4

Practice steps for run-hide-fight for active threats

5

Obtain training in 1st aid and bleeding control

6

Prepare for psychological impact



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