Staying Connected in Crisis



Whether you're at home, at work, on the go, or in a remote area, it's important to make sure you can receive emergency messages when it matters most.

Stay connected by knowing how to receive emergency alerts wherever you are. Alerts and warnings can reach you in many ways, including cell phones, AM/FM radios in your car or home, weather radios, and local opt-in alerting applications on your smart devices.

Understand How You Can Get Emergency Alerts and Warnings

Check with your local or county emergency management official to find more information about local alerting in your area.



At Home and at Work

- Opt into Wireless Emergency Alerts on your mobile phone: Alert options are usually found in "notifications" or "safety and emergency" settings. Verify that you have opted into getting Wireless Emergency Alerts, and if you receive an alert, follow the instructions carefully. Make sure to keep your phone charged at all times.
- Download local alerting applications on your mobile phone: Alert applications for your jurisdiction, or areas you may be traveling to, are often found on the local emergency management office's website. Once you download the application, make sure to enable push notifications.
- Make sure you have emergency supplies: Prepare emergency kits for your home, workplace, and car in case of a crisis. Use resources like www.Ready.gov/kit to build your kits.



On the Go

- Learn about unique local alerting systems: Your local emergency manager and emergency management office website are useful sources of information. Look for whether your area has unique emergency alerting systems, such as highway message boards, sirens, and digital billboards.
- Stay informed as conditions change: Monitor your local television and radio stations before, during, and after emergencies for real-time updates.



Remote Areas

- Keep a NOAA Weather Radio on-hand: Obtain a battery-powered or hand-crank NOAA Weather Radio, which is commonly available online and in stores.
- Find a radio or television source of emergency information to receive Emergency Alert System messages: Battery-powered or hand-crank radios can help you stay connected when the power goes out. Tune into local news and community, workplace, school, and other information channels to receive additional information and instructions. If you're traveling, make sure to identify the local sources of information for your travel location.