

## How can you stay prepared?

### Make a Plan

Meet with your family to discuss what disasters or emergencies might happen and how to prepare and respond to each.

Choose two places where family members will meet after a disaster.

### Build a kit

Keep a prevention kit in your house.

Items include:

Water, non-perishable food, can opener, flashlight, radio, extra batteries, first aid kit, emergency whistle, and sanitary supplies.

### Stay Informed

Stay informed through Emergency Alert System (EAS) broadcasts on your TV or battery operated radio, as well as through outdoor warning sirens, news media sources, and NOAA Weather Radio alerts.

### Get Involved

Training and volunteering are the best ways to stay informed and be prepared to help when disaster strikes your community. There are many ways to get involved, like CERT training and Neighborhood Watch programs.

**For more information about preparedness, check**

**[www.getreadyindiana.org](http://www.getreadyindiana.org)**

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# Indianapolis Division of Homeland Security



Who we are, what we do,  
and what *you* can do  
to stay involved.

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The **Indianapolis Division of Homeland Security (DHS)** is one of six divisions of the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Safety along with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, the Indianapolis Fire Department, Public Safety Communications, Indianapolis EMS, and Animal Care & Control. Its mission is to reduce the loss of life and property and protect our city's critical infrastructure from all types of natural and human-made hazards through a comprehensive program of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

DHS works to protect the public and secure a strong society and economy for Indianapolis and Marion County.



## All-Hazards Approach

DHS focuses its efforts on an “All-Hazards Approach,” developing risk-based strategic and operational planning models for the community.

### Hazards Include:

Earthquakes, fires, floods, hazardous chemicals and materials, heat, winter storms, hurricanes, landslides, nuclear power plant emergencies, tornados, wildfires, terrorism, cybersecurity threats, and many more.

### Counterterrorism & Cybersecurity

The Indianapolis Division of Homeland Security prepares for and responds to human-made threats and disasters through law enforcement, aviation security, chemical security, fraud and counterfeiting protection, and secure identification.

### Preparedness, Response, & Recovery

DHS assists the community and its citizens in preparing their families for all types of hazards and works to coordinate disaster response and recovery.



## Activities and Programs

DHS wants to develop a culture of preparedness and ensure accountability to the people it serves. Community participation is the key to successfully preparing for any and all types of hazards. DHS offers many different ways to stay involved.

### Presentations and Community Engagement

DHS is available for presentations and meetings in the community and for organizations upon request.

### CERT Training

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members give critical support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims, and organize spontaneous volunteers at disaster sites. Contact the Indy DHS office if you are interested in participating in CERT training or other forms of volunteering.