

# Emergency Resources: **PREPARE AND STAY SAFE**

Students and school officials can use these resources to prepare for and respond to an emergency event.



## Prepare

### PLAN AHEAD WITH READY.GOV

Every September, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security marks National Preparedness Month. Visit [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) for preparedness resources for any type of emergency.

### DSOS: PREPARE YOUR STUDENTS IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

Designated school officials (DSOs) play an important role in helping F and M students prepare for and respond to emergencies. DSOs can prepare students by taking steps such as reminding students to sign up for campus' alert systems, creating and testing a communications plan for students and helping students maintain F and M status in emergency events. [Read more tips.](#)

### GET READY WITH SCHOOLSAFETY.GOV

SchoolSafety.gov provides resources on topics such as physical security, school climate, mental health and emergency planning. For information and resources about preparing for campus emergencies, visit the [Emergency Planning page.](#)



## Stay Safe

### STUDENTS: MAINTAIN F AND M STATUS IN EMERGENCY EVENTS

In the case of emergency, it is important that F and M students maintain their nonimmigrant student status. Students should keep items such as passports, visas, DSO emergency contact information, financial records and cash safe at all times. For more information on items to keep safe and planning for emergencies visit the [Maintaining F and M Status in Emergency Events page.](#)

### CONTACT THE SEVP RESPONSE CENTER

In case of emergencies, or general SEVP questions, the SEVP Response Center (SRC) is dedicated to open communications with students and school officials when school operations are impacted. The SRC is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET except holidays. Visit the [Contact Us page](#) for more information.

### FOLLOW GUIDANCE FROM FEMA AND OTHER OFFICIALS

It is critical to follow the guidance of local, state and federal officials in the event of an emergency. Download the app from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to receive real-time weather alerts, locate emergency shelters and send notifications to loved ones. Find the app at [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

