

# WEEK 3: HOW TO STAY INFORMED

Knowing where to go for information before, during and after an emergency is critical to protecting the health and safety of you, your family and those around you.

Get Connected → Stay Informed!

## Information to consider before the hazard, disaster or emergency strikes:

- Non-emergency number for local police, fire and EMS. This includes locations you may be traveling to.
- Current forecasts – watches, warnings or advisories – consider signing up for NWS alerts or weather alerts from your local news or weather station.
- Know your hurricane evacuation zone.
- Know the types of disasters common for areas you live, work and travel.
- Utility company contacts to report outages or damages – Power, gas, water, sewer, etc.
- Shelters – location, receiving status, pets welcome?
- Does your locality have an alert system you can sign up for to receive area specific alerts?

## Where do you go?

For quick access to multiple resources for planning guidance, check out the Virginia Office of EMS' Emergency Operations page for links to Planning, Preparedness and Continuity sites and documents!

Check out: [bit.ly/OEMS-Preparedness](http://bit.ly/OEMS-Preparedness)



Information adapted from:  
[Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov), [FEMA.gov](http://FEMA.gov), and [Virginia Department of Emergency Management](http://Virginia Department of Emergency Management)



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