

Are You Prepared?

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Offers the Following Information on Their Website

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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, created in March 2003, works to ensure a safer America. It works to create and implement preparedness plans; develop procedures and policies that guide actions in the event of a terrorist attack; conduct training and exercises to ensure first responders possess a necessary level of preparedness; enhance partnerships with state and local governments, private sector institutions and other organizations; and fund the purchase of much-needed equipment for first responders, states, cities and towns.

Part of their service is to better prepare Americans on what to do to plan response before, during and after an emergency. Detailed information on the following topics can be obtained by accessing their website:

- national security emergencies;
- terrorism;
- preparing for terrorism;
- protection against cyber attacks;
- preparing for a building explosion;
- bomb threats;
- suspicious parcels and letters;
- what to do if there is an explosion;
- chemical and biological weapons;
- what to do to before, during and after a chemical or biological attack;
- what to do before, during and after a nuclear and radiological attack;
- electromagnetic pulse;
- returning to your home;
- sealing your home in case of a hazardous materials incident;
- preparing a disaster supply kit;
- measures regarding water purification;
- evacuation procedures; and
- crisis counseling during recovery from an incident.