

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Ready Army

PURPOSE: **Ready Army** is a new Army-wide campaign developed by the Headquarters Department of the Army, Army Emergency Management Program.

1. Preparing in advance could keep an emergency from becoming a disaster for you and your family. When an emergency strikes, knowing what to do can save time, property and lives. **Ready Army**, is a proactive campaign to prepare the **Army Community**, encourages **Soldiers, their Families** and **Army Civilians** to Get a Kit, Make a Plan and Be Informed.

### Considerations for all Military Personnel and Families

- **Get A Kit:**
  - Assemble emergency supplies in your home, car and workplace.
  - Be ready in case you must evacuate quickly.
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- **Make A Plan:**
  - Plan reactions to various emergencies.
  - Plan how your family can stay in touch.
  - Practice your plan.
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- **Be Informed:**
  - Know what emergencies are most likely to affect you and your family.
  - Know the local emergency warning system in your area and what actions to take if there is an emergency.

### Report

2. To prepare your family for an emergency, get one or more emergency kits that include enough supplies to meet your essential needs (food, clothing, shelter, medical aid) for at least three days. Think reusable and multi-use. A metal bowl can do double duty as a cup and saucepan. A brightly colored poncho can be used as water repellent clothing, and a pole with two ponchos together can create a temporary shelter. Keep a kit prepared at home, and consider having kits in your car and at work. These kits will enable you and your family to respond to an emergency more quickly. Your various emergency kits will be useful whether you have to evacuate or shelter-in-place.

3. Make and practice a family emergency plan. Consider the range of potential emergencies and all the places you and your family might be. Some emergencies require different responses than others, but a family communications procedure will be helpful in any case. Knowing how to keep in touch and find one another will help your family stay safe and cope with the confusion and fear that come when emergencies strike.

4. Describe to family members a hypothetical event and tell them to follow the family emergency plan. Practice gathering your emergency kit and important documents, communicating with one another and meeting at a designated place. Afterwards, discuss the actions you took and how the plan would change in a different type of emergency.

## Report

Following certain catastrophic events, all DOD-affiliated people in the affected area need to check in with their command for accountability. If Internet connectivity is available, check in online using the Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System (ADPAAS) at <https://adpaas.army.mil>.

ADPAAS enables Army officials to account for assigned personnel and their Family members and, if needed, provide assistance. ADPAAS links are also available at the Military One Source and Army One Source Web sites.

If you do not have Internet access or you do not receive other official reporting instructions, you may report your accountability status using any of the following methods:

1. Through your chain of command

2. By contacting any of the following approved call-centers:

- **Army Info Hotline:** 1-800-833-6622
- **Army One Source**
  - Within CONUS: 1-800- 464-8107
  - Outside CONUS (Collect): 484-530-5980 (Toll-Free): 1-800-3429-6477
  - Hearing-impaired callers: 1-800-364-9188
  - Spanish-speaking callers: 1-888-732-9020  
1-877-888-0727  
1-877-255-7524
  - Web site address: <http://www4.army.mil>
- **Military OneSource**
  - Within CONUS (24/7): 1-800-342-9647
  - TTY/TTD: 1-800-346-9188
  - Spanish-speaking callers: 1-877-888-0727  
1-888-732-9020  
1-877-255-7524
  - Web site address: <http://www.militaryonesource.com>