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WASHINGTON – Accept the challenge and find out more in September as the U.S. Navy launches Ready Navy, its emergency preparedness and public awareness campaign.

Be Informed: Find out what disasters are most likely to happen in your area and the history of their occurrence, and learn about any specific instructions or information you may need to know regarding these specific disasters.

Have a Plan: Another important tool you and your family need to prepare for possible emergencies is a family preparedness plan. Everyone in the family should understand what to do, where to go, and what to take in the event of an emergency. Your emergency plan should include how your family will communicate with each other, particularly if normal communication methods, such as phone lines or cell towers, are out. Have a contact person outside the area that each member of the family can notify that they are safe. Also, plan ahead for how you will evacuate the area and where your family will meet if you are evacuated separately. Learn about the mustering requirements at your command and become familiar the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS) (<https://navyfamily.navy.mil>). If you are stationed overseas, learn about additional Noncombatant Evacuation Orders procedures.

Build a Kit: The best way to prepare for the unexpected is to create one or more emergency kits that include enough supplies for at least three days. Keep a kit prepared at home, and consider having kits in your car, at work, and a portable version in your home ready to take with you. These kits will enable you and your family to respond to an emergency more effectively. Your various emergency kits will be useful whether you have to shelter-in-place or evacuate. Be sure your kits address the needs of small children, individuals with special needs, and your pets.

Ready Navy – coming soon to a base near you!

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