

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR ALL

In Tennessee

Emergency events impact different groups in different ways, and the more members of a community who are prepared when disaster strikes, the more resilient that community will be.

EMERGENCY EVENTS LIKE



IMPACT A COMMUNITY'S



AND REQUIRE



Inclusive Planning Can Focus On:

Rural Communities

Improve access to emergency response services

Racial & Ethnic Minorities

Include groups in decision-making processes
Develop language-inclusive prep information

Individuals with Disabilities

Ensure evacuation plans include everyone

Low Socio-Economic Status

Resource allocation post-disaster focusing on those in poverty/unstable housing

POLICIES & PROGRAMS

- **The Tennessee Disaster Support Network** is a web-based resource to assist TN communities in meeting their needs before, during, and after a disaster.
- **Ready TN** is an app that can help you stay up-to-date on emergency notifications for the state.

PLANNING FOR COLLABORATIVE ACTION

- **Host emergency preparedness events in your community**, helping neighbors create emergency kits and develop plans with their families.
- **Educate leaders on different needs of people in your community** considering factors such as age, disabilities, language proficiency, cultural backgrounds, and medical conditions.

BARRIERS TO CHANGE

- Lack of community cohesion
- Under-resourced infrastructure
- Standard emergency plans do not account for different needs



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