



# Resolve to Be Ready – 2009

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Ready is a national service advertising campaign designed to educate and empower Americans to prepare for and respond to emergencies including national disasters and potential terrorist attacks.

The goal of the campaign is to get the public involved and ultimately to increase the level of basic preparedness across the nation.

We learned a lot from the events of 9/11 and Katrina: one man-made and the other from nature.



## Resolve to Be Ready

The numbers are daunting. According to a recent national survey approximately 65 percent of families in the United States do not have an emergency plan that all family members are aware of.

For the fourth year in a row the Ready campaign encourages Americans to *Resolve to Be Ready*. The purpose of the campaign is to encourage our citizens to be prepared for emergencies—to help them prepare, plan and stay informed.

This year, the Racine County Office of Emergency Management will focus on the Ready campaign.

We can all help, whether an individual or a group. Ideas for activities and initiatives are welcome. Contact David Maack at (262) 636-3515 or email [david.maack@goracine.org](mailto:david.maack@goracine.org).



## Citizen Corps

Get Involved in Preparing your Community. Citizen Corps, Homeland Security's grassroots effort, localizes preparedness messages and provides opportunities for citizens to get emergency response training, participate in community exercises and volunteer to support local first responders. To learn more and to get involved, contact The Southeast Wisconsin Citizen Corps. Click [here](#).

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# Family Emergency Plan

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There are three major components to a family emergency plan. Make sure you and your family sit down together and decide what your plan of action will be.

1. Contact information and meeting places
2. Information on each family member including important medical information
3. Other locations where family members spend a lot of time such as work or school.

Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster. It might be useful to make this information available to other family living in the area, an out-of-town contact and/or a trusted neighbor.

## Contact information and a meeting place

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide on the following:

- An out-of-town contact name, telephone number and email address
- Family meeting place and phone number
- Neighborhood meeting place and phone number
- Regional meeting place and phone number
- Evacuation location and phone number

Make sure your children know where to go to wait for you.

## Family members' information

Gather the following information about each family member and keep it up to date.

This includes:

- Name
- Date of birth
- Social security number
- Important medical information such as medical conditions and prescriptions.

## Work and school information

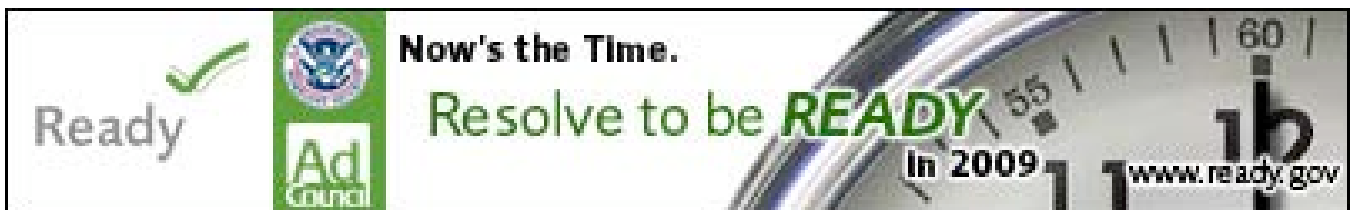
Make sure you have information about places where family members spend a lot of time outside the home.

- Family member's name
- The name of work place or school
- Phone numbers
- The evacuation location



## Is your family ready?

It's a good idea to always have a basic disaster kit ready for any kind of emergency situation. Go to [www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/supplykit.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/supplykit.shtm) for information about what you should pack in your kit.



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