



Personal Preparedness — Be Red Cross Ready

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Mission

The American Red Cross prevents and alleviates human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors

Part of an International Movement

- International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC) and Red Crescent Societies



Congressional Charter

The American Red Cross received its first *Congressional Charter* in 1900. The *Charter* is considered to be the founding corporate document of the organization and provides for the existence, charge and governance of the organization at its highest level. The *Charter* is akin to a constitution or Articles of Incorporation and takes precedence over all other corporate regulations.

The *Charter* is federal legislation and thus falls under the exclusive authority of the United States Congress and the President of the United States. It was re-codified as part of the governance reform signed into law by President George W. Bush on May 11, 2007.

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Disaster Services Overview

- The American Red Cross responds to over **70,000** disasters annually (which range in type and complexity to include):
 - Fires from single family homes to large apartment complexes
 - Natural Disasters hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods and severe weather
 - Other man-made Incidents terrorist events, aircraft accidents, etc.
- All operations are scaled to best meet the needs of the affected community and our partners:
 - Field structure is divided into 7 divisions, each with a network of regions and chapters.
 - At the local level Disaster Action Teams respond to single family and multi-family fires and other localized events

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Key Disaster Activities

- Sheltering
- Feeding
- Distribution of Humanitarian Supplies
- Disaster Health and Mental Health
- Safe and Well and Family Reunification/Linking
- Disaster Community Assessment and Planning
- Client Casework and Recovery
- Spiritual Care
- Special Projects

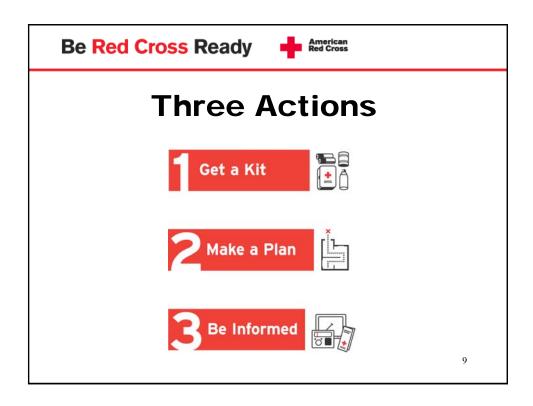
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Preparedness

- Do you know what to do in the event of an emergency?
- Do you want to help make your family and community safer?
- Do you want to help save a life?









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For more information and to purchase products from the family of Emergency Supplies kits and First Aid kits go to www.redcross.org

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- Duct tape and plastic sheeting

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- Important papers

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- Important papers
- Contact information and a map







Get a Kit

Kits are available from the Red Cross to help get you started

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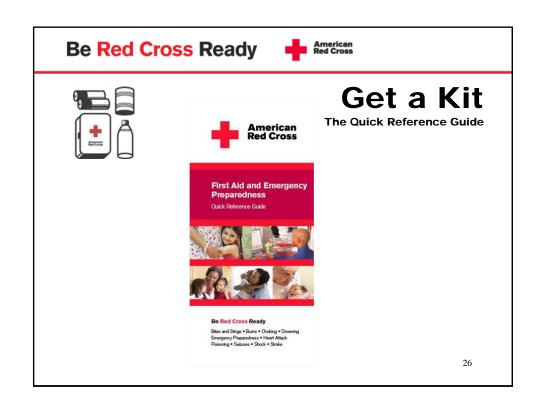


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Family First Aid kits (soft case)









Make a Plan

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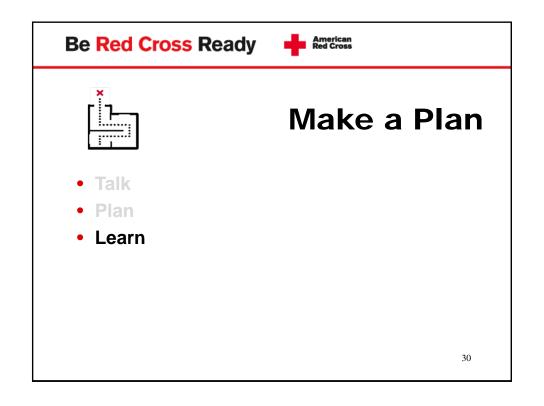


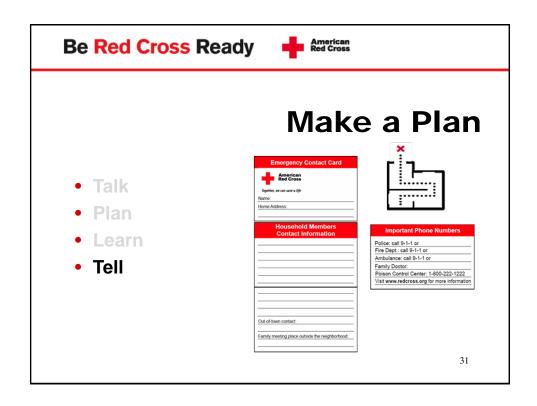


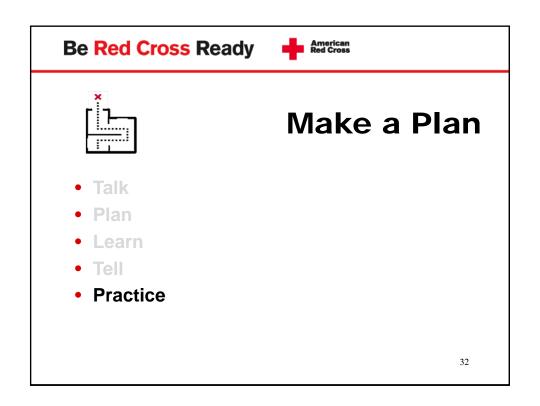
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Be Informed



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Be Informed

- Know what may happen and how you can help
- Identify how local authorities will notify you
- Learn what you can do to prepare
- Share what you have learned



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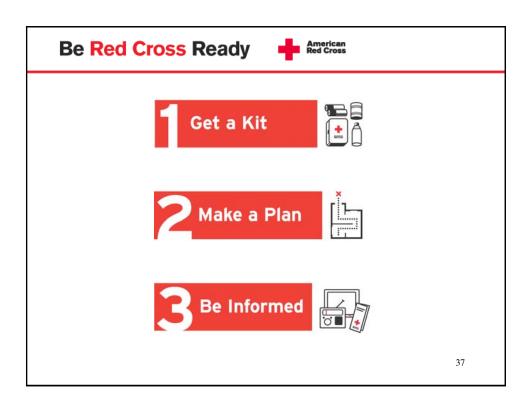
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www.Redcross.org

Right from the home page you can make an appointment to donate blood, sign up for classes and make difference for you, your family and your community!



Questions

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