

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

The American Red Cross has an exceptionally well organized and logical website for beginning personal and family preparedness. There are general sections as well as information on children, pets, businesses and various other specific concerns. Go to the site directory. Click services, then disaster services.

[www.Prepare.org](http://www.Prepare.org)

This site, maintained by the Red Cross, offers much of the Red Cross information in numerous foreign languages using their alphabets.

[www.Preparenow.org](http://www.Preparenow.org)

Prepare Now specializes in helping “vulnerable populations” prepare for emergencies. This includes seniors as well as people with physical and mental disabilities. It is quite specific as to various disabilities. Although many refer to earthquakes, the information is useful in other emergencies as well

Prepare now also includes links to animal disaster plans.

Some of their information is available in nine languages

[www.Pge.com](http://www.Pge.com)

This site deals with storm, electrical, and gas structural safety. It includes information on when and how to turn off the gas and the electricity.

And how to prepare for blackouts. Search...disaster preparedness

[www.Abag.ca.gov](http://www.Abag.ca.gov)

The Association of Bay Area Governments’ site covers earthquakes and secondary hazards. There are maps that predict earthquake hazards, information on how to structurally prepare your house, information on other natural hazards, a section for kids and links to other earthquake sites such as the usgs

Under planning projects click on earthquake

[www.Cococaer.org](http://www.Cococaer.org)

The Contra Costa Community Awareness and Emergency Response Organization has specific directions about Shelter in Place at home, school, and in the workplace

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

The Federal Government Site includes information about natural disasters and terrorist possibilities including biological, chemical, and radiological events.

FEMA offers a booklet Are You Ready, which can be ordered by calling 800-480-2520.

[www.Dhs.gov](http://www.Dhs.gov)

The Department of Homeland Security covers terrorist threats and information on how to report suspected terrorists. It also acts, to some extent, as a clearing house for websites from other government and non agencies. Click on citizens and scroll down to Travel Safety or Citizen Safety for that information.

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/556.html>

Consumer Product Safety Commission site covering inside home preparedness for fire.