“Be ready for emergencies.” It’s a good policy to live by because disasters can occur at any time. Know your escape routes and review and practice plans. Assemble an emergency kit which includes, at a minimum, water, food, radio, flashlight, extra batteries, and medications. Encourage your friends and family to have a plan, as well. Advanced planning allows you to feel confident when a disaster strikes. Stay calm, follow the instructions of local officials, and take immediate action. Whether it’s a hurricane, tornado, infectious disease outbreak, or a biological attack, have a plan and the tools to rely on. It can be the difference between life and death.

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