



## ***ReadyKids***

Hey kids, if there's ever an unexpected emergency or disaster in Georgia, you can help! It's important for your family to have a plan and be prepared. The tips below will help you learn what you can do to help the adults in charge during an emergency. Don't be scared. Be prepared!

### **Pack a Ready kit**

- Help your parents, grandparents or guardians put together a Ready kit.
- Pack books and board games in your Ready kit so you'll have activities to keep you busy.

### **Know how to get in touch with family members**

- Decide who each family member will call if you are separated during an emergency.
- It might be easier to reach a relative who's out of town. Everyone in the family can contact an aunt, uncle or grandparent to let them know you're okay.
- You should keep a copy of your family's contact numbers and meeting places taped to the inside of your binder, homework notebook or book bag.

### **Pick a family meeting place**

- Choose an easy-to-find location near your home, and then practice getting there from different locations around your neighborhood.
- Also, choose an easy-to-find location outside of your neighborhood in case you can't get home.

### **Learn what to do at school**

- Every public school in Georgia is required to have a safety plan. Depending on the emergency, you may stay in your classroom or go somewhere else.
- Have your parents or guardians talk to your teacher or principal about your school's plan.

### **Don't forget your pet!**

- Make a Ready kit for your pet, too!
- Remind Mom and Dad to make a plan for what you'll do with your pets during an emergency. Remember, you may not be able to take them to a shelter.

### **Visit the *Ready Georgia* website**

- With your parents' permission, visit the kids' page at [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov). You'll find interactive games, videos and important information on preparedness.

**Always remember:** If an unexpected emergency does happen, stay calm and listen to directions from adults around you, like your teachers, parents and emergency officials.