



## Recommended Reading List

*Grade Level: pre-k – 9th*

Emergencies can be overwhelming for young children, so it's important for parents to include their kids in efforts to be prepared. Emergency preparedness helps everyone in the family accept the fact that disasters do happen, and provides an opportunity to identify the resources needed to meet basic needs after a disaster.

*Ready Georgia* has compiled a list of books that can help school-age children learn more about preparing for the unexpected. Through thoughtful questioning, children can be guided to relate their own experiences to those of the characters in the books.

### Pre-k through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**[Elliot's Emergency](#)**; By Andrea Beck

Elliot Moose is all set for a special day of adventure, but his plans suddenly come to an end when he has an accident. His friends rush to help, each taking a turn trying to make him better. Finally his best friend, Socks, comes up with an idea that soon has Elliot turning cartwheels with joy!

**[Emergencies](#)**; By Sheila Rivera

This series offers early emergent readers an introduction to safety topics and describes precautions they can take to stay safe in various situations.

**[Emergency!](#)**; By Margaret Mayo

This noisy, busy, bestselling book with fun rhyming text and bright, bold artwork is jam-packed with emergency vehicles: fire engines, police cars, ambulances, lifeboats, breakdown trucks, rescue helicopters and more.

**[Emergency Rescue!](#)**; By Jonathan Emmett

With bouncy rhyming text, humorous detail, and a different colorful, sturdy pop-up emergency vehicle on every spread, this book is perfect for little heroes everywhere.

**[First Aid for You](#)**; By Rebecca Weber

This book describes how to provide first aid to someone who may be injured with a cut or scrape, a nosebleed, or someone who is choking or who received a bite or a sting.

**[It's Time to Call 911: What to Do in an Emergency](#)**; By Inc. Penton Overseas

Teach your child this important skill...even though you hope they will never need it. Dial 911 on the keypad and hear the reassuring sound of the siren. Help is on the way! The board book includes a 'Do You Know Your Address' Chart.

**[Little Critter to the Rescue](#)**; By Mercer Mayer

When Dad is locked in the basement, Little Critter knows just what to do. He picks up the phone to dial three numbers.

**[Peanut's Emergency](#)**; By Cristina Salat

School is out, and there's no sign of Peanut's mother. This illustrated book shows how the child responds to the potential emergency.

**[Staying Safe in Emergencies](#)**; By Robin Nelson

This book introduces children to different types of emergencies and what to do in each case.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**[A Fun and Easy Way to Keep Kids Safe](#)**; By Joy Berry

This book teaches what needs to be done to adequately prepare for any emergency. It features a CD with music, read-along with Joy, 911 checklist and safety numbers.

**[Animal Emergency \(Series\)](#)**; By Emily Costello

This book series follows Stella's adventures helping her aunt and rescuing animals.

**[Erased by a Tornado](#)**; By Jessica Rudolph

A Union University student gives a first-hand account of clawing his way out of a building struck by a tornado as this book in the "Disaster Survivors" series begins. The fast-paced but easy-to-read text is guaranteed to keep readers turning the pages of this book that has an interest level of grades two to seven.

**[I'm Prepared for Emergencies \(Friends Power\)](#)**; By WHO Regional Office for the Eastern

Mediterranean *Friends Power* is a series of health education comic stories developed for children. It aims to build the knowledge, attitude and skills of children on selected health topics such as natural disaster preparedness and response and healthy lifestyles. This first publication in the series deals with disaster preparedness and response focusing on earthquake, drought, flooding, extreme heat and drought.

**[In an Emergency \(Series\)](#)**; By Neil Champion

The Survive Alive series gives young readers practical information on all aspects of surviving in the wild. It explains many traditional skills that have been developed through the ages and are still in use today. And it includes true stories of people who have faced real dangers and survived.

**[Living in Shelters](#)**; By Bobbie Kalman

Author Bobbie Kalman recounts her experiences as a nine-year-old refugee who lived in a number of shelters, and suggests ways that organizations or individual families can help lessen the stresses of living in shelters.

**[Preparing for Disasters](#)**; By Bobbie Kalman

This book sheds light on topics such as preparing disaster supply kits for homes and cars, learning how to use ham radios, reading maps, creating and practicing evacuation plans, setting up emergency contact people and information about shelters. It also looks at different kinds of disasters and how to prepare for each one, as well as what to do with pets.

**[Stacey's Emergency \(Baby-Sitters Club Series\)](#)**; By Ann Matthews Martin

Thirteen-year-old Stacey needs the support of the Baby-sitters Club when the pressures of school, work and home pile up and her diabetes puts her in the hospital.

**[Surviving Hurricanes](#)**; By Elizabeth Raum

This book features children who experienced hurricanes around the world, through history and up to the present day.

**[Surviving Tornadoes](#)**; By Elizabeth Raum

This book features children who experienced tornadoes around the world, through history and up to the present day.

**[Taking Care of Trouble](#)**; By Bonnie Graves

In this novel, fifth-grader Joel is the only kid in Junior Adventurers who hasn't passed Emergency Preparedness. The last thing he needs is a real-life crisis that will mess up his chances. But when his best friend's older sister begs him to help her by taking care of a toddler named Tucker (aka Trouble), he can't say no. And, boy, is he sorry.

**[To the Rescue](#)**; By Sam McKendry

At the beach, a swimmer is far out at sea. In the backyard, a cat is stuck in the tree! Every day, there is some kind of emergency. Rescue workers are here to help!

**[The Acorn Club](#)**; By Florida Department of Community Affairs Division of Emergency Management

Would you be ready if a hurricane was headed toward your town? Learn along with Josh and his friends in The Acorn Club how to create your own Disaster Supply Kit and prepare your home for severe weather.

**[What if You Need to Call 911?](#)**; By Anara Guard

Your brother just hurt his leg badly. No adults are around to help. Do you know what to do? Dialing 911 can be scary, but you can be prepared. The scenarios and tips in this book will help you keep your cool.

## **6<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

**[Terrorist, Tornadoes, Tsunamis: How to Prepare for Life's Danger Zones](#)**; By John C. Orndorff

From threats of terrorism to crime to hurricanes to blizzards, unexpected and unwelcome events can happen at any time. This book, from terrorism expert Lt. Colonel John C. Orndorff, has a simple message: Don't panic! Illustrated and full of advice and comfort, this book provides the tools to prepare young people to face many of these disasters.

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