

Emergency Resources and Contacts

Regional government contacts

Our Federal, State and Local governments have departments, bureaus, organizations, and entire agencies established for emergency planning, preparedness, response, and recovery. We should use these resources eagerly and frequently. You support them with your tax dollars.

States appear to have organized differently. [You wonder what they do at Governors' conferences.] Here are starting points for each jurisdiction in the Aglow Mid-Atlantic Region:

Delaware Emergency Management Agency, www.dema.delaware.gov

District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, <https://hsema.dc.gov>

Maryland Emergency Management Agency, <https://mema.maryland.gov>

North Carolina Emergency Management Division, <https://www.ncdps.gov/ncem>

Virginia Department of Emergency Management, www.vaemergency.gov

West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, <https://dhsem.wv.gov>

FEMA, <https://www.fema.gov>

Disasters, Emergencies, Threats, Vulnerabilities, Etc.

The above websites cover a lot of ground, for our benefit. They cover that ground to varying degrees of detail and interest. My opinion: Virginia is the best and DC is the weakest. You be the judge, but here are the topics of interest to the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- Active Shooter
- All Threats
- Chemical and Hazmat
- Droughts
- Earthquakes and Landslides
- Extreme Heat
- Fires
- Floods
- Health Threats
- Hurricanes
- Power Outages
- Radiological and Nuclear
- Terrorism
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Tsunamis
- Wildfires
- Winter Weather

We live in an increasingly electronic and connected world. Start using your phone, pad, laptop, or desktop computer to find the resource for your likely situation. Print out critical items of interest. Show some initiative, some concern. Your preparation is the key to your success. Look elsewhere on this website for further help. **Consider, Hope is Not a Plan.**