



Emergency Communications

Accurate information allows you to make *informed* decisions.



What information do I need in an emergency?

- Nature of the emergency: “What’s going on?”
- Severity: “How bad is it?”
- Areas affected: “Where is it happening?”
- Estimated duration: “How long will it last?”
- Evacuate or shelter-in-place: “Should I stay or go?”
- Additional instructions from authorities: “What else?”
- Status of family members: “How and where is everyone?”
- Status of neighbors: “We’re OK. How can I help others?”

WATCH: Be Prepared. Issued well in advance to alert the public of the possibility of a particular weather-related hazard (e.g., tornado watch, flash flood watch). Occurrence, location, and timing may still be uncertain.

ADVISORY: Be Aware. Issued for weather that causes significant inconveniences and if caution is not exercised, could lead to life-threatening situations. Significant events are occurring, imminent, or have a very high probability of occurrence.

WARNING: Take Immediate Action! Issued when a weather or flood hazard is imminent or already occurring (e.g., tornado warning, flash flood warning). Conditions are posing a threat to life or property.

Emergency Information Sources

Emergency Alert System (EAS): Standard AM/FM radio. Utah region - KSL 1160 AM, 102.7 FM

Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA): Emergency alerts sent to mobile phones in a specific geographical area.

NOAA weather radio and tone alert radio: Receives notifications for weather hazards and other non-weather alerts. Visit www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/ for more information.

Social media: Follow state, county, city, law

enforcement, fire rescue, and other emergency response and management authorities in your area on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media.

Highway message boards: Watch for alerts and messages about safety, road hazards, and alternate routes.

Route alerting: Response personnel go to neighborhoods and give emergency information via loud-speaker or door-to-door.

Know the emergency communications plans for your city, schools, and places of employment.

✓ **Make a Plan** ✓ **Get a Kit** ✓ **Be Informed** ✓ **Get Involved**

For more preparedness information: BeReadyUtah.gov

