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Emergency Preparedness Materials for Students

New York State has been impacted by a wide variety of natural, technological, and human-made disasters and emergencies. It is critical that students, staff, and their families be prepared for such events. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), New York City Office of Emergency Management, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), and the American Red Cross have developed age-appropriate interactive programs to assist in preparing students for a wide variety of emergencies. These materials are available at no cost to schools. The following provides a brief summary of these programs:

✚ **FEMA Ready Kids**

The FEMA Ready Kids program provides a template for developing a family emergency plan, as well as a variety of interactive puzzles, games, coloring pages, videos, and fact sheets about a variety of emergencies.

www.ready.gov/kids/

✚ **NYC Office of Emergency Management: Explore Ready New York for Kids**

The goal of Explore Ready New York for Kids is to help children understand three basic steps to prepare for all types of emergencies: make a plan, pack a "go bag," and create an emergency supply kit. This includes an interactive crossword puzzle, word search game, and more.

www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/get_prepared/ready_kids.shtml

✚ **PBS: Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies**

Sesame Workshop, along with its project partners created Let's Get Ready! Planning Together for Emergencies with tips, activities, and other easy tools to help the whole family prepare for emergencies. This web site includes a children's activity book, a template for students to develop a family emergency plan, and guidance to assist parents in preparing for emergencies.

www.sesamestreet.org/ready

✚ **American Red Cross: Masters of Disaster**

The Masters of Disaster program was developed to assist educators in helping students prepare and recover from a wide variety of emergencies. The program is divided into modules for grades K-2; grades 3-5; and grades 6-8. Modules include Facing Fear, In the Aftermath, Hurricanes, Fire Prevention and Safety, Floods, and more.

www.redcross.org/preparedness/educatorsmodule/ed-cd-main-menu-1.html