



Public Preparedness Survey

*This survey is for Prince George's County Residents over 18 **ONLY***

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinates the County's response to natural and man-made disasters. OEM is responsible for emergency preparedness, coordination of response and recovery activities, and mitigation planning. This survey will help OEM and the County to better prepare, respond, mitigate, and recover from future natural disasters.

This survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete. Please try to answer every question, to the best of your ability

The Prince George's County Office of Emergency Management thanks you in advance for your willingness to help!



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Natural Hazards/Peligros Naturales

1. All areas of the country are subject to different types of natural disasters. Will you please name the types of natural disasters that would have the biggest impact where you live? (Select all that apply)

- Drought
- Dust Storm
- Earthquake
- Flood
- Landslide/Debris Flow
- Wildfire
- Windstorm
- Volcanic Eruption
- Severe Winter Storm
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

2. In Prince George's County, flooding is prevalent. When you think about possible flooding, what is the MOST likely type of flooding you think would happen in your community?

- Coastal surge: This is ocean water being pushed on shore during a storm.
- Riverine: This is rivers overflowing their banks.
- Urban: This is flooding from nearby water or heavy rains that overflow drainage systems and flood the streets.
- Flash flood: This is a sudden flood with a high volume of water going over dry land and roads.
- Don't Know
- Other (please specify)

3. Which of the following actions are you most likely to take in the event there was flooding in your community?

- Following a planned route to evacuate by car or other transportation
- Going to the highest floor in a building
- Climbing to a high place outside
- Don't Know
- Other (please specify)



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Preparedness Planning

4. Have you or your family ever experienced the impacts of a natural disaster?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

5. Has your household developed and discussed an emergency plan that includes instructions for household members about where to go and what to do in the event of a local disaster? **(If No or Don't Know, skip to #11; If Yes, continue to #6)**

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know



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6. Does your plan include a process for your household members to get in touch with each other if you are not together when the disaster happens?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

7. Does your plan include information about how to leave your community for an evacuation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

8. Does your plan include information about where to shelter or a safe place you can stay in the event of a disaster?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

9. Does your plan include checking on your neighbors (those in your neighborhood or apartment building) to make sure they are okay in the event of a disaster?

- Yes
- No

10. Does your emergency plan include the location of a safe and effective shelter in case of a tornado, hurricane, or high wind event? (By safe and effective, I mean either a safe room meeting FEMA guidelines or a small windowless interior room in a sturdy building)

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know



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11. Does your workplace or school have a plan for where you would shelter in the event of an urban event (e.g., nuclear explosion, chemical release, acts of terrorism, major accident, etc.)?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- NOT APPLICABLE

12. Is there at least one child in your home who currently attends a school outside of your home, including day-care or part-time kindergarten? **(If No, skip to #14; If Yes, continue to #13)**

- Yes
- No



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13. Are you aware of the details of the emergency or evacuation plan of the school or schools, including where the school plans to evacuate and how to get information about the child in the event of a disaster?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know



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Notifications/Information Sharing

14. Do you know how you will get real-time alerts and warnings for disasters in your community?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

15. In the event of a disaster/emergency event, do you believe you will receive timely information from local authorities that gives you specific instructions on what to do based on your community?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

16. In the past six months, have you read, seen, or heard any information about how to get better prepared for a ___?

	Yes	No	Don't Know/Not Sure
Earthquake	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tornado	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hurricane	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildfire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Flood	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Urban Event (e.g. nuclear explosion, acts of terrorism, major accident, etc)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. What was the information that you read, saw, or heard about how to get better prepared for a disaster?
(Select All That Apply)

	Basic Survival (How much/how to find Food, Water, Shelter)	Planning/ Preparing (How to prepare & make an Emergency Plan)	Protecting Property (How to protect home and important documents)	I have not read, seen, or heard any information
Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tornado	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hurricane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildfire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urban Event (e.g. nuclear explosion, acts of terrorism, major accident, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

18. How did you get the information that you read, saw, or heard about getting better prepared for a disaster?
(Select All That Apply)

	TV/Radio	Internet/Social Media	Printed Media (newspaper, brochure, etc.)	Personal/Work Networks (word of mouth)	I have not read, seen, or heard any information
Earthquake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tornado	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hurricane	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wildfire	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Urban Event (e.g. nuclear explosion, acts of terrorism, major accident, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

19. Do you have a regular, landline telephone in your home that you use to make and receive personal calls?

Yes

No

20. Do you have a cell phone that you use to make and receive personal calls?

- Yes
- No

21. Of all the telephone calls your household receives ____?

- All or almost all calls are received on cell phones
- Some are received on cell phones and some on regular phones, OR
- Very few or none are received on cell phones



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Financial Preparedness

22. Do you rent or own your home? (If **OTHER**, skip to #25; If **Rent** or **Own**, continue to #23)

- Rent
- Own
- OTHER



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Financial Preparedness continued

23. Do you have homeowners or renter's insurance for your residence?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

24. Do you have a flood insurance policy from the National Flood Insurance Program or from a private insurance company?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know



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Financial Preparedness continued

25. Do you have money set aside for emergency? **(If No, skip to #27; If Yes, continue to #26)**

- Yes
- No



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Financial Preparedness continued

26. About how much do you have set aside?

- \$1 to \$99
- \$100 to \$399
- \$400 to \$699
- \$700 to \$999
- \$1,000 to \$1,499
- \$1,500 to \$2,999
- \$3,000-\$5,000
- More than \$5,000
- Don't Know



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Individual/Household Preparedness

27. Do you have enough supplies set aside in your home to get you through three days or more without power or running water and without transportation?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

28. Do you have emergency supplies already packed that you can grab easily in case you have to evacuate your home quickly?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

29. Do you have copies of critical documents, such as identification, insurance, and banking information, stored in a fireproof/waterproof location or stored electronically?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

30. In the event of a disaster/emergency event, do you know where to go and how to get there should you need to evacuate or leave your home?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

31. In the event of a disaster that required you to leave your area, would you need to rely on public transportation or the local authorities for transportation in order to leave?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

32. Do you have supplies to stay at work in case you have to stay 24 hours?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know
- NOT APPLICABLE

33. Do you have supplies to stay for 24 hours at any other place you frequent?

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

34. Thinking about your preparations for a disaster/emergency event, have you taken steps to protect your home/office/school to reduce potential risk and damage?

(Such as clearing, removing, and/or securing items that could be damaged due to water, high winds, tremors, etc.)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Not Applicable
At home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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Preparedness Efficacy

35. Please indicate how recently you, personally, have taken any of the following actions to prepare for a possible disaster.

Has it been within the past year, more than a year ago, or never?

	Within The Past Year	More Than A Year Ago	I Have Not Done This	Don't Know
Attended a meeting or training on preparedness about your local disasters?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Talked with others in your community about getting prepared for a disaster?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sought information about preparedness?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

36. In the past year, have you practiced what to do in a disaster by participating in a disaster preparedness exercise or drill at the following places...

	Yes	No	Don't Know	N/A
At home?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At work?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At school?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
At another community location?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

37. How much would taking steps to prepare, such as creating a household emergency plan, developing an evacuation and shelter plan, signing up for alerts and warning systems, or stocking up on supplies help you get through a disaster in your area?

- Not at all
- Very little
- Somewhat
- Quite a bit
- A great deal
- Don't Know

38. How confident are you that you can take the steps to prepare for a disaster in your area?

- Not at all confident
- Slightly confident
- Somewhat confident
- Moderately confident
- Extremely confident
- Don't Know



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Preparedness Efficacy continued

39. Is there a reason you think you would not be able to take the steps to prepare?

- DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
- HEALTH, AGE, AND/OR DISABILITY
- NO TIME/BUSY
- COST
- WOULD NEED HELP
- NOT ENOUGH SUPPLIES
- NO TRANSPORTATION
- Don't Know
- Other



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Preparedness Efficacy continued

40. Thinking about preparing yourself for a disaster, such as developing and discussing an action plan with your family, learning about how to leave your community or where to shelter, and setting aside supplies such as food, water, and other essentials that allow you to be self-sufficient for at least three days, **which of the following best represents your degree of preparedness?**

	I am NOT prepared, and I do not intend to prepare in the next year	I am NOT prepared, but I intend to start preparing in the <i>next year</i>	I am NOT prepared, but I intend to get prepared in the <i>next six months</i>	I have been prepared for the last year	I have been prepared for MORE than a year and I continue preparing	Don't Know
Earthquake	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tornado	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hurricane	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildfire	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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41. How important are the following in your decision to prepare for disaster?

	Not at all important	Not very important	Somewhat important	Very important	Extremely important	N/A I don't know how to prepare
I would feel good about being prepared.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would reduce the risk of disrupting my life during and after a disaster.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It would be a hassle to make the plans, discuss them, and set aside supplies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Doing what it takes to be prepared would take time away from other activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Doing what it takes to be prepared would cost too much money.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I don't know how to prepare.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

42. What motivated you to take the steps to become better prepared? Please pick the main reason

- It is likely that a disaster will occur in my community
- I feel like it is my responsibility to take care of my family in a disaster
- I want to protect myself in a disaster
- My job, school, friend, community leader encouraged me to take steps to become better prepared
- It just seems like something I should do
- Disasters I have experienced motivated me to get better prepared
- Disasters in other places motivated me to take steps to become better prepared
- Don't Know
- I have not taken steps to prepare
- Other (please specify)

43. If an urban event (e.g., nuclear explosion, chemical release, acts of terrorism, major accident, etc.) occurred in your community, how confident are you in your ability to know what to do in the first five minutes? Please use a scale of one to five, with 5 being very confident and 1 being not at all confident.

- Very confident
- Moderately confident
- Somewhat confident
- Slightly confident
- Not at all confident
- Don't Know



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Demographics

44. What's your zipcode?

45. What is your sex or gender?

- Male
- Female
- Prefer Not to Answer
- Other/Prefer to Self-Identify (please specify)

46. What is your age?

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65+

47. What is your highest completed level of education?

- Less than high school diploma
- High school degree or diploma
- Technical/Vocational school
- Some college
- College graduate
- Post graduate work or degree

48. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin - such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or other Spanish origin?

- Yes
- No

49. Which of the following describes your race? You may select one or more.

- White
- Black or African-American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native, or
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Other (please specify)

50. Do you have a disability or a health condition that might affect your capacity to respond to an emergency situation? (A mobility, hearing, vision, cognitive, or intellectual disability or physical, mental, or health condition)

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

51. Do you currently live with or have primary responsibility for assisting an elderly person or someone with a disability who requires assistance? (A mobility, hearing, vision, cognitive, or intellectual disability or physical, mental, or health condition.)

- Yes
- No
- Don't Know

52. Is English the primary or main language spoken among those living in your household?

Yes

No