

# Emergency Readiness



## If a Disaster Happened Now, Would You Be Ready?

Due to its location and environment, New Zealand faces many potential disasters. In some cases, such as a weather related or volcanic disaster, there may be time for a warning. But an earthquake or a tsunami close to land could strike without warning.

*All disasters have the potential to cause disruption, damage property and take lives. So it's vital that you prepare now.*

**FOR EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GET READY. [CLICK HERE](#)**

1. Learn about [disasters](#) and how to keep safe
2. Create and practice a [household emergency plan](#)
3. Assemble and maintain [emergency survival items](#)
4. Have a [getaway kit](#) in case you have to leave in a hurry

***Just want to get started?***



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(Download a Household Emergency Plan and an Emergency Checklist)

Local authorities are responsible for civil defence emergency management (CDEM) in their area. If life or property is threatened always dial 111 for Police, Fire or Ambulance.