

Preparedness tips for families

- Discuss with your family the types of hazards and threats in your area and what to do in each case.
- Talk to school officials to learn how they will notify you of your child's status in an emergency.
- Decide on a meeting place in case you cannot return home.
- Choose an out-of-town friend or relative as a point of contact.
- Keep important phone numbers with you at all times.
- Get everyone involved. The Ready Virginia website www.ReadyVirginia.gov has preparedness information for families, businesses and those with special needs.



Interstate 64 lane reversal

The direction of traffic on I-64 will only be reversed when ordered by the governor in advance of a storm or other event that threatens the citizens of Hampton Roads.

In a lane reversal, the eastbound lanes of I-64 will be used to carry additional traffic westbound so that all vehicles on the highway are heading toward Richmond. A standard evacuation issued by a city or county does not reverse traffic on I-64.

In a Category 3 to Category 5 hurricane, the governor might issue a traffic direction reversal order for I-64 to evacuate citizens more efficiently.

The direction of traffic on I-64 will only be reversed in the most extreme conditions. Plans call for an I-64 reversal to begin on the Norfolk side of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel and end at the I-295 interchange in Richmond. For more information, see www.vdot.virginia.gov.

Important documents to protect



The following documents should be stored in a dry, safe location:

- Apartment or condo leases
- Home or other property deeds
- Estate documents
- Homeowner's or renter's insurance documents
- Wills
- Life insurance policies
- List and/or photos of possessions and their values
- List of important phone numbers
- Flood insurance documents
- Vehicle titles, leases, loan documents
- Financial statements
- Utility statements
- Government financial assistance award letters
- Birth certificates, proof of citizenship or adoption records
- Social security cards
- Employment contracts or other legal documents
- Medical records, x-rays, benefits documents
- Education records
- Passports
- List of medications and duplicate prescriptions

Courtesy of City of Chesapeake

¿Información de la necesidad en español?

Spanish-speaking communities now have access to essential emergency preparedness information through a new website, www.ListoVirginia.gov.

The site is a one-stop resource for residents to learn about disaster readiness at home and at work.



The American Red Cross and other community-based organizations have a web site, www.Prepare.org, to help serve seniors, children, people with disabilities and animal and pet owners. Preparedness materials are also available in English and multiple foreign languages.

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