Emergency Preparedness & Response Phone Apps

There are many emergency planning and response personal preparedness apps available for smartphones. Much of the information in this flyer has been adapted from the National Institutes of Health’s Disaster Information Management Research Center: disasterinfo.nlm.nih.gov. When deciding which ones to install remember that not all apps are created equal, and keep the following information in mind:

- Some apps require internet connectivity to access the information. Others only require internet or phone use to access certain information or make emergency calls.
- Make sure the apps you’re looking at installing on your device meet your needs. Look at the ratings and read the reviews.
- Be informed about what you’re downloading, and remember that your smartphone is basically a very small computer and is vulnerable to viruses and harmful programs if not protected by security software.

Preparedness and Response

Tornado – American Red Cross
Provides access to local and real time information on what to do before, during and after a tornado, including an audible siren when NOAA issues a tornado warning even if your app is closed.
Platforms: Apple, Android
Connectivity: Some functions require internet connectivity

FEMA
FEMA app and mobile enhanced web page provide government disaster response information.
Platforms: Apple, Android, Blackberry
Connectivity: Requires full internet connectivity

CDC
Provides health and safety information related to emergencies and disasters.
Platforms: Apple
Connectivity: Requires full internet connectivity

American Red Cross – Shelter View
American Red Cross: Shelter View app maps the locations and shelters from the American Red Cross National Shelter System.
Platforms: Apple
Connectivity: Requires full internet connectivity

OSHA Heat Safety Tool
Calculates the heat index at work sites, displays a risk level to outdoor workers, and provides protective measures.
Platforms: Apple, Android
Connectivity: Some functions require internet connectivity

Smart Phone Security

Lookout Security & Antivirus
Lookout Security & Antivirus offers protection against mobile threats, phone loss and theft.
Platforms: Apple, Android

McAfee Antivirus & Security
McAfee Mobile Security protects your phone or tablet with antivirus, privacy and security software.
Platforms: Apple, Android, Blackberry

Additional apps that have many choices are available on most platforms. Some recommended apps include:
- Flashlights
- Twitter keyboards with commonly used phrases and hashtags
- In Case of Emergency (ICE) information or contacts
- Flood and water level information
- Disaster preparedness kits
- Prescription drug information

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## Alerts

**Disaster Alert**

Mobile access to multi-hazard monitoring of and early warning for active hazards around the globe.  
**Platforms:** Apple, Android  
**Connectivity:** Requires full internet connectivity

## Behavioral Health

**SAMHSA Behavioral Health Disaster Response**

Connects responders to behavioral health resources for use in the field. Preloaded resources, ability to locate nearby treatment facilities, search for key materials and share information with colleagues and survivors.  
**Platforms:** Apple, Android, Blackberry  
**Connectivity:** Some functions require internet connectivity

**PFA Mobile**

Assists responders who provide psychological first aid as part of an organized response effort. The materials are adapted from the Psychological First Aid Field Operations Guide.  
**Platforms:** Apple, Android  
**Connectivity:** Requires full internet connectivity

**Responder Self Care**

Aids those deployed to emergency response events in maintaining their own physical, emotional, and social well-being.  
**Platforms:** Apple, Android  
**Connectivity:** Requires full internet connectivity

## PTSD Coach

Provides users with information about post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), including educational resources, information about professional care, a self-assessment tool, opportunities to find support, and tools to help manage the stresses of daily life with PTSD.  
**Platforms:** Apple, Android  
**Connectivity:** Some functions require internet connectivity

## Communication

**Health Hotlines**

Provides access to directory of health organizations with toll-free telephone numbers.  
**Platforms:** Apple  
**Connectivity:** Requires full internet connectivity

**ReUnite**

Provides ability to upload missing and found person information for family reunification during and after disasters. It generates information to the National Library of Medicine’s People Locator service.  
**Platforms:** Apple, Android  
**Connectivity:** Some functions require internet connectivity

## SOS by American Red Cross

Provides step-by-step instructions on dealing with a variety of emergencies, including choking, broken bones, strokes, allergic reactions and more.  
**Platforms:** Android  
**Connectivity:** Some functions require internet connectivity

**Hands-Only CPR**

Quick instructions for CPR without mouth-to-mouth breaths.  
**Platforms:** Apple, Android, Blackberry  
**Connectivity:** Some functions require internet connectivity

**Pet First Aid – Red Cross**

**Platforms:** Apple, Android  
**Connectivity:** Some functions require internet connectivity

## First Aid

**First Aid by American Red Cross**

Provides free lifesaving first aid instruction and disaster preparedness information including videos, interactive quizzes and simple step-by-step advice.  
**Platforms:** Apple, Android  
**Connectivity:** Some functions require internet connectivity

**FluView**

FluView tracks influenza-like illness activity levels across the U.S.  
**Platforms:** Apple  
**Connectivity:** Requires full internet connectivity

## Mapping

**HealthMap**

Real-time, searchable disease outbreak information for your neighborhood on interactive maps.  
**Platforms:** Apple, Android  
**Connectivity:** Requires full internet connectivity