

Emergency Preparedness

September is [National Preparedness Month](#); however, emergencies can happen anytime. In 2021, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [declared](#) 80 major disasters and emergencies, including storms, floods, and tornados. Here at Northwestern, you may be faced with emergency situations such as fires, medical emergencies, power outages, natural disasters, hazardous material spills, suspicious activities, and active violence.

Learn more: Complete Northwestern's evacuation training for the [Chicago](#) or [Evanston](#) [Emergency Response](#)

Tips for Success

When Talking to Your Team

Preparation is Key: Keep the topic relevant. Work with your team to review potential emergencies in your work area and discuss how your team will respond to these emergencies.

Stay Positive

Keep the focus on what can be done to help. Do not tell your team to stay in the building until emergency responders (e.g., police, fire department) say it is safe to do so.

Safety at Home – Create a Family Emergency Plan

Do you or your team have a safety story you'd like to share? Contact Environmental Health and Safety for details.