



# Emergency Preparedness Award

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The Emergency Preparedness Award is part of a new BSA program of emphasis for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Leaders, in cooperation with the Federal Department of Homeland Security. Details of the program are on-line, on the official BSA web site.

Separate age appropriate requirements have been developed for [Tiger Cubs](#), [Wolf Cub Scouts](#), [Bear Cub Scouts](#), [Webelos Scouts](#), [Boy Scouts and Varsity Scouts](#), [Venturers and Sea Scouts](#), [Unit Volunteer Scouters](#), and [District/Council Volunteer Scouters](#).

**All emergency activities carried out by scouting units must be appropriate for the ages and abilities of the young people involved. Units should participate only under the supervision of their own leaders, and plans for unit help must be coordinated with community agencies responsible for disaster preparedness.**

## Adult Leader Requirements

This award is available to all registered Scouters who serve a unit, including all leaders and committee members.

Do any three of the following:

- Develop an emergency preparedness program plan and kit for your home and be sure all family members know the plan.
- Participate actively in preparing an emergency plan of action for your Scouting unit meeting place. (This includes all locations where you might have a meeting.)
- Put together a unit emergency kit to be kept at your unit meeting location. (This includes all locations where you might have a meeting.)
- Take a basic first aid/CPR course, or participate as an active volunteer in a community agency responsible for disaster preparedness.

# Emergency Preparedness BSA: Emergency Preparedness Plan



1. Planning ahead is the first step to a calmer and more assured disaster response. Determine what kinds of natural and man-made disasters and emergencies could occur in your community. Make a list of them, then discuss each one and what you should do as a group in each situation. For each type of emergency, establish responsibilities for each member of your household and plan to work together as a team. Because some family members might not be at home at the time of an emergency, designate alternates in case someone is absent.
2. Be sure everyone in the family can recognize the different sounds made by smoke, heat, and motion detectors, burglar alarms, fire alarms, and community sirens and warning signals, and know what to do when they hear them.
3. Discuss what to do if evacuation from your house is necessary. Be sure everyone in the family knows that in that case, they must not hesitate, but must get out as soon as possible and after they are outside someone should call for help. Agree on an outdoor meeting place for the family, such as a particular neighbor's front porch.
4. Be sure everyone in the family knows how to call 911 (if your community has that service) and other local emergency numbers; and how to call on different kinds of phones, such as cell phones. Gather and post other emergency numbers, such as poison control, the family doctor, a neighbor and an out-of-town person who are your family's emergency contacts, a parent's work number and cell number, etc. Post all emergency numbers near every telephone in the house and make copies for everyone to carry with them.
5. Because emergency responders will need an address or directions on where to send help, be sure all family members know how to describe where they can be found. Post your address near each telephone in the house. When dealing with the stress of an emergency, even adult family members could fail to recall details correctly.
6. Plan an out-of-town evacuation route and an out-of-town meeting point, in the event all family members aren't together at the same time to evacuate. The meeting point might be the home of a family member in another city or a hotel or landmark known to all family members.
7. Practice evacuating your home twice a year. Drive your planned evacuation route and plot alternate routes on a map in case the chosen roads are impassable or grid-locked.
8. Practice earthquake, tornado, and fire drills at home, work, and school periodically.
9. Be sure all family adults and older children know that in case of emergency, it is their responsibility to keep the family together, to remain calm, and explain to younger family members what has happened and what is likely to happen next.

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# Emergency Preparedness BSA Application

Fill out the appropriate section.

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## Youth Application

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:       Tiger Cub               Wolf Cub Scout               Bear Cub Scout               Webelos Scout  
                          Boy Scout               Varsity Scout               Venturer

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_ Chartered organization \_\_\_\_\_

Council name \_\_\_\_\_

This applicant has satisfactorily completed requirements for the Emergency Preparedness BSA Award.

Unit leader's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Unit leadership position \_\_\_\_\_

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## Unit Leader Application

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Unit position \_\_\_\_\_ Unit number \_\_\_\_\_

Chartered organization \_\_\_\_\_

Council name \_\_\_\_\_

This applicant has satisfactorily completed requirements for the Emergency Preparedness BSA Award.

Council/district Scouter's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Scouting title \_\_\_\_\_

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## District/Council Volunteer Scouter Application

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

District or council position \_\_\_\_\_

Council name \_\_\_\_\_

This applicant has satisfactorily completed requirements for the Emergency Preparedness BSA Award.

Council Scouter's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Scouting title \_\_\_\_\_

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## Recognition and Approval

Youth and adult members completing the requirements receive a distinctive pin.

The leader signing approval for a youth or unit leader application submits the completed, approved application to the BSA local council service center.

District/council volunteer Scouters submit the completed application to the BSA local council service center for approval.

**All instruction and participation associated with Emergency Preparedness BSA must be carried out in an environment free from all hazards and dangers. All BSA precautions and safety measures, as explained in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and in other Scouting literature, apply.**