Emergency Preparedness Speaker Series

Learn how to best prepare your family and your neighborhood through a series of presentations from emergency management experts. Request the individual speaker you find most interesting or go through the whole series for a holistic approach.

All Emergency Preparedness Speakers are scheduled though the City of Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods.

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KEMA (Knoxville Emergency Management Agency)

Find out how the emergency management and response system works in Knoxville. Learn the key players in emergency management, the roles they play in disaster response, and how they interact in the event of an emergency.





American Red Cross of Tennessee Mountain Valley

This presentation focuses on the importance of protecting yourself and your family during emergencies. Learn how to create a family emergency plan, stay informed, and anticipate and plan for likely area disasters including storms, tornadoes and fire.

Knox County Health Department

Hear tips on handling a health-based emergency and everyday preparedness tips for individuals, civic groups, faith-based organizations, and businesses. The Health Department is flexible on covering a variety of different topics.





In the event of a fire, do you know the best routes to take to escape your apartment, community center, or housing complex? A fire marshal will walk you through the best paths to evacuate your building and show you alternate routes in case your main escape route is inaccessible.



Knoxville Fire Department

The City of Knoxville Fire Department provides various educational programs including fire extinguisher use, burn prevention, first aid, and CPR. Some classes may require fees.

Knoxville Police Department

Learn from the experts in crisis management how to prepare for, handle, and recover from a critical incident. Let KPD share their expertise on dealing with a terrorist related event, homicide, or mass shooting.





Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB)

Learn about everyday utility safety and companywide initiatives with natural gas, water, and electricity. In addition find out what to do in case of an emergency.