



Find support when you need it

When a natural disaster happens in our community, it can feel devastating. Even if you weren't personally impacted, you may still feel unsettled and unsure about what's next. It's important to remember that we're all in this together, and resources are available to help with whatever you are experiencing.

Get 24/7 support by phone or online:
855-Here4TN (855-437-3486)
Here4TN.com

Connect with Here4TN to find tools and resources to help you navigate this difficult time. Help is available for the following:

- Finding financial assistance
- Applying for disaster relief
- Understanding how to replace important documents
- Being connected with a counselor to talk about what you've experienced, and more

Tips to keep you and your family safe

- Listen to local officials for updates and instructions; evacuate if necessary.
- Check in with family and friends by texting or using social media.
- Return home only when authorities indicate it is safe.
- Watch out for debris and downed power lines.
- Photograph the damage to your property in order to assist in filing an insurance claim.

Things you can do to recover from a traumatic event

Talk to someone. Reach out to friends or family for support. It's one simple way to help process a natural disaster.

Choose when to connect. Disconnecting from media may give you time to focus on important things, like your health or stress management.

Keep things in perspective. Try to find something you've learned from the negative experience. It may be helpful to gain a broader perspective.

Focus on your feelings. Acknowledge your feelings as they occur to you. Self-awareness is an important first step in learning to manage your feelings.

Creating a communication and action plan

Be prepared for the future by putting together a **family communication and action plan**. This explains how to contact one another and reconnect in case you get separated, or in case the internet or mobile phone service is not available.

1. Collect contact information for everyone in your family and other important information, including doctors, medical facilities, schools and service providers.
2. Share a paper copy of this information with everyone in your family and make sure they carry it with them at all times.
3. Review as a family what you would do to meet up in an emergency. Practice your plan.

For sample plans that you can follow, including plan templates that you can download, visit [ready.gov/make-a-plan](https://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan).

Additional national resources:

American Red Cross

(emergency assistance and disaster relief)

[redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

(emergency preparedness)

[emergency.cdc.gov](https://www.emergency.cdc.gov)

FEMA

(information about federal assistance)

[fema.org](https://www.fema.org)

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