Natural disasters are often unavoidable. Prepare yourself and those you love for when disaster strikes. Learn which types of natural disasters could affect your area, determine what items you’ll need to survive and make a plan. Get started today by discussing these questions with your family and friends:

- How will I Receive Emergency Alerts & Warnings?
- What is my Evacuation Route?
- What is my Family Communication Plan?
- Do I have an Alternative Shelter Plan?

For additional information and tips, visit FEMA

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Did You Know?**

1. Terrestrial communication links are often disabled & disrupted during the first hours of a disaster.
2. In 2017, due to Hurricanes Irma and Maria, more than 95% of cell sites were out in Puerto Rico and 77% of cell sites were out in the Virgin Islands. Six months later, 4.4% and 13.8% of cell sites were out in Puerto Rico & the Virgin Islands, respectively.
3. In 2012, Hurricane Sandy knocked out 25% of the cell towers in the New York City area.
4. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina, knocked out the terrestrial infrastructure in the coastal areas of Louisiana & Mississippi. The telephone lines of almost 3 million customers were knocked down & more than 25 million calls failed.

Pair the Iridium GO!® device with your personal smartphone or tablet, & the Iridium GO! Text & Call Voucher – get a durable, cost-effective satellite connectivity solution that allows you to text, call, tweet & email when the power is out &/or local networks are down.

It’s as Simple as:

- Go Outside, Turn On the Iridium GO!, Extend the Antenna & Place it in a Location with a Clear View of the Sky
- Go Back Inside & Text, Call, Tweet or Email Family & Friends

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** Sources: 1. UN News 2. FCC 3. The Hill 4. Space.com

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