

# Emergency Information Access

This playbook provides a structured approach to staying informed during emergencies by leveraging multiple channels. It aims to ensure timely and reliable access to critical information when it's most needed.

## Step 1: **Alert Sign-Up**

Sign up for local emergency alerts in your area. This might involve registering your phone number with a local alert system or downloading a dedicated emergency app.

## Step 2: **Radio Access**

Ensure access to a battery-powered or hand-cranked radio. This will be an essential tool for receiving updates if the power goes out or if other communication channels fail.

## Step 3: **Social Media**

Follow local authorities and reputable news sources on social media platforms. Adjust notifications settings to prioritize updates from these accounts during an emergency.

## Step 4: **Network Plans**

Establish a communication plan with friends and family. Determine how you'll stay in contact in case conventional communication methods become unavailable.

## Step 5: **Physical Resources**

Keep a list of physical locations where emergency information is posted, such as community centers or local government buildings, in case digital channels are down.

## Step 6: **Regular Updates**

Check for updates routinely. During times of crisis, new information can become available rapidly, and staying updated is crucial for your safety and preparedness.

# **General Notes**

## **Preparedness**

In addition to staying informed, ensure you have an emergency kit with supplies that could last for several days, and familiarize yourself with local evacuation routes and shelters.

## **Verification**

Always verify emergency information from multiple sources to avoid misinformation, which can be prevalent during high-stress events.

## **Battery Backups**

Keep extra batteries or a solar charger on hand for your devices to ensure continuous access to communication channels.