

Disaster Tip Sheets & Trainings for U.S. Religious Leaders

In May 2011, NDIN launched the *Be a Ready Congregation* campaign. Key to this campaign are our "Disaster Tip Sheets for U.S. Religious Leaders." Each Tip Sheet offers all-hazards best practices and resource links about U.S. disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery – specifically of relevance to religious leaders, faith communities, and faith-based organizations. NDIN also offers trainings based on these tip sheets.

Other Sources for DISASTER TIP SHEETS:



Preparedness Fast Facts
In English & Spanish
www.redcross.org

Some Examples....

- Be Red Cross Ready
- Shelter-in-Place Emergencies
- Earthquake Safety
- Flood Safety
- Flu Checklist
- Heat Wave Safety
- Hurricane Safety
- Pets and Disaster Safety
- Returning Home After....
- Taking Care of Your Emotional Health after a Disaster
- Thunderstorm Safety
- Tornado Safety
- Wild-Fire Safety
- Winter Storm Safety



www.citizencorps.gov



www.ready.gov

Because U.S. religious leaders are among the first and most trusted sources of risk-communication and crisis leadership not only in houses of worship and faith communities, but in the neighborhoods and communities where they serve, they have a central role when disasters strike. These Tip Sheets aim to educate and assist religious leaders and congregations as they prepare to serve and respond in effective, inclusive, and compassionate ways.

CURRENT NDIN TIP SHEETS FOR U.S. RELIGIOUS LEADERS:

1. Disaster Basics for Faith Communities
2. The Disaster Lifecycle: Where Do Religious Leaders Fit In?
3. National Faith-Based Disaster Service Organizations
4. The Role of Faith Communities in Disasters
5. How to Use Your House of Worship in a Disaster
6. Disaster Backlash: Bias Crimes & Mitigation
7. Active Shooter in a House of Worship
8. Continuity of Operations Planning
9. Self-Care for Religious Leaders
10. Disaster Spiritual Care
11. Faith Communities & Disaster Mental Health
12. Faith Communities & the Disaster Distress Helpline
13. Faith Communities & Trauma Resilience
14. Faith Communities & Risk Communication
15. Faith Communities & Evacuation Planning
16. Faith Communities & Disaster Sheltering
17. Faith Communities & Long Term Recovery
18. Faith Communities & Debris or Mud Removal
19. Faith Communities & Cold Weather Hazards
20. Faith Communities & Hot Weather Hazards
21. Faith Communities & Disaster Volunteerism
22. Faith Communities & Donations Management
23. Immigrant Eligibility & Disaster Assistance
24. Children & Disasters
25. LGBT Needs & Disaster
26. Vulnerable Populations & Disasters

**Additional Sources for
DISASTER TIP SHEETS**



**New York City Office of
Emergency Management:**
Offers a series of disaster
preparedness tip sheets
through its Citizen Corps
Council. As part of the Ready
New York program, they also
offer all-hazards planning
tools, guides and resources
which can all be found at:

www.nyc.gov/oem



Offers two Tip Sheet “flyers”
for technology-caused
disasters—one about
Potential Chemical
Exposures from a Fire Scene
and one on the health effects
and safety best practices of
working with Mold in disaster
settings at:

www.ucc.org/disaster



Preparing for the Flu Fact
Sheets for community and
faith-based organizations at:

www.cdc.gov

ABOUT NDIN DISASTER TIP SHEETS:

NDIN Tip Sheets are based upon a smaller set that was originally developed to assist New York City faith communities following 9/11. The NDIN “Disaster Tip Sheets for U.S. Religious Leaders” have been developed to assist religious leaders in any community. Appropriate for any faith tradition, they address all-hazards planning and cover topics from across the entire disaster lifecycle. Written by subject matter experts and based on established best practices, each Tip Sheet provides key information on mitigation education and preparedness training for religious leaders on how they and/or their house of worship can respond to crises, including how to coordinate volunteers, manage donations, provide mass care, attend to spiritual and mental health needs, and continue their many religious and social services post-disaster and throughout the recovery process.

As part of the NDIN *Be a Ready Congregation* campaign, NDIN will regularly release new Tip Sheets and other best practices and resource tools. Please monitor our website or register for iNET, our free monthly e-newsletter, to learn more about new releases.

DISASTER TIP SHEET ORIENTATION & TRAINING COURSES FOR U.S. RELIGIOUS LEADERS, FAITH COMMUNITIES & THEIR PARTNERS

NDIN also offers both a Tip Sheet Orientation and a Tip Sheet Training Course - as well as other trainings. These trainings are designed to orient religious leaders and their emergency management or disaster public health and mental health partners to faith-based disaster human services best practices.

For more information, or to arrange for NDIN to speak at a training or offer a training in your community, contact us at info@n-din.org.

Disaster Tip Sheet Orientation (One-two hours)

The NDIN Tip Sheet Orientation provides an overview of the series, introducing religious leaders to the basics of the disaster lifecycle, leadership roles for religious leaders in times of crisis, and a broad spectrum of mitigation, preparedness, relief and recovery topics, a basic understanding of which should be required of all house of worship leaders.

Focus of the Orientation:

A basic introduction to terms, concepts and best practices for all/selected tip sheets:

- Terms and systems religious leaders need to know in times of crisis
- Roles and responsibilities during each phase of the disaster lifecycle
- Organizations and key partnerships critical to religious leaders
- Mitigation education, preparedness training and advocacy best practices
- Basic orientation to key relief and recovery roles/human services for houses of worship

Disaster Tip Sheet Training (Three hours or Full day)

The goal of the Tip Sheet trainings is to provide religious leaders and/or their partners with a detailed orientation to the disaster lifecycle and leadership roles as well as instruction on best practices, strategic partnerships and skill development (training/certification) resources

Focus of the Training:

A detailed disaster Tip Sheet orientation and overview of instruction/skill development best practices recommended for religious leaders during each phase of the disaster lifecycle:

- Orientation and use of terms and systems religious leaders use/access in times of crisis
- Instruction on religious leaders’ roles/responsibilities throughout the disaster lifecycle
- Overview of key organizations/partnerships critical to religious leaders
- Detailed instruction on best practices, services and trainings for religious leaders

OTHER RESOURCES

- CA Department of Aging—Tip Sheets for Seniors: www.aging.ca.gov/Disaster_Tip/disaster_tip.asp
- Help Starts Here—Family Emergency & Disaster Preparedness Tip Sheets: www.helpstartshere.org
- National Disaster Interfaiths Network—Disaster Tip Sheets for U.S. Religious Leaders : www.n-din.org