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## **PREPARING KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Severe weather and disaster can scare children, the key is for you to stay calm and talk calmly to the child. Speak to children before season start and tell them about what could happen and what to do. Information for children and parents can be found on [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and click the link for kids. This website has games, puzzles, videos and information regarding disasters. Your child can become a Disaster Action Kid and get their very own certificate to hang on their wall.

FEMA for Kids is presented by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency. On this website you can meet Herman the spokes crab, you will also meet Julia and Robbie the disaster twins. Watch this brother and sister get into and out of all sorts of close calls. You will be able to read real stories from other young people who have been through a disaster.

Include your children in the planning process and teach them what to do when they are away from you. Such as at school or at a friend's house. Practice drilling with the children. Bring with the child if you are asked to evacuate, a favorite book, coloring books, toy, or video to watch on a portable DVD.

Bring your child's birth certificate and vaccination records with you if you leave. Try and stay with a relative or friend out of the area. Have a point of contact and the location where everyone will meet at.

Log on to the site and become a Disaster Action Kid