

TexasReady Program Game

Disaster Preparedness Relay

Setup

1. Divide participants into teams of three to five people.
2. Create five activity stations representing different preparedness concepts:
 - **Be Informed**
 - **Make a Plan**
 - **Build a Kit**
 - **Engage Your Audience**

Collaborate Locally

Each station should include a challenge or task based on the program content. Set up a table or area with necessary materials at each station.

Rules

- Teams start at different stations to prevent crowding.
- Each team must complete the activity at their station before moving to the next.
- Teams will be timed, and the group with the fastest overall completion time wins.
- A facilitator or volunteer at each station scores teams for accuracy and effort.

Station Challenges

1. **Be Informed**
 - **Task:** Match disaster scenarios (e.g., hurricanes, wildfires) with appropriate preparedness actions.
 - **Materials:** Cards with disaster scenarios and actions to sort into pairs
2. **Make a Plan**
 - **Task:** Develop a basic evacuation plan for a fictional household, considering factors like pets, medical needs, and communication methods.
 - **Materials:** Household profile cards (randomized with unique challenges)

3. Build a Kit

- **Task:** Assemble a disaster supply kit using a checklist. Participants must identify essential items from a pile that includes both useful and irrelevant items.
- **Materials:** A mix of props (e.g., flashlights, canned food, batteries, toys, and non-essential items)

4. Engage Your Audience

- **Task:** Role-play delivering 30-second preparedness tip to an audience with diverse needs (e.g., seniors, families with young children).
- **Materials:** Cards describing audience types for participants to tailor their message

5. Collaborate Locally

- **Task:** Identify three local resources (e.g., emergency shelters, mental health services, community groups) that could assist in disaster preparedness and recovery.
- **Materials:** A list of potential resources to sort (some real, some irrelevant)

Bonus Round (Optional)

Teams participate in a **lightning quiz** about preparedness principles using a buzzer system. Questions can focus on [texasready.gov](https://www.texasready.gov) resources, key preparedness tips, or disaster statistics.

Scoring Criteria

- Accuracy of responses at each station
- Speed of task completion
- Creativity and engagement during the role-play challenge

Bonus Round 1

Lightning quiz questions: [texasready.gov](https://www.texasready.gov) resources

1. **What free tool does [texasready.gov](https://www.texasready.gov) offer to help you build your emergency supply kit?**
(Answer: *The TexasReady emergency kit checklist*)
2. **Where on [texasready.gov](https://www.texasready.gov) can you find hazard-specific fact sheets like floods, wildfires, or hurricanes?**
(Answer: *Under the "Know Your Hazards" section*)
3. **True or False: [texasready.gov](https://www.texasready.gov) provides information in both English and Spanish.**
(Answer: *True*)

Bonus Round 2

Lightning quiz questions: key preparedness tips

1. **What is one essential item to include for communication if the power goes out?**
(Answer: A battery-powered or hand-crank radio)
2. **Why should you keep copies of important documents in your emergency kit?**
(Answer: In case you need them for identification, insurance claims, or medical care during a disaster)
3. **What should every household practice at least once a year?**
(Answer: A home evacuation drill or emergency plan)

Bonus Round 3

Lightning quiz questions: disaster statistics

1. **Approximately how many federally declared disasters has Texas experienced since 1953?**
(Answer: Over 250)
2. **What is the most common natural disaster in Texas?**
(Answer: Flooding)
3. **True or False: Most Texans live in an area at risk for at least one major hazard.**
(Answer: True)

Debrief

After the game, discuss key takeaways:

- Highlight successful strategies and lessons learned.
- Reinforce the importance of preparedness and how participants can use this experience to train others.

This game is interactive, reinforces learning, and aligns perfectly with the TexasReady program's objectives. Let me know if you'd like to refine any part of it or integrate specific details!

Consider how to reconfigure and add to PowerPoint. Make more visual. We are teaching someone a local health department or emergency management department to implement it.