

Preparedness tips for families

- Discuss with your family the types of hazards and threats in your area and what to do in each case.
- Talk to school officials to learn how they will notify you of your child's status in an emergency.
- Decide on a meeting place in case you cannot return home.
- Choose an out-of-town friend or relative as a point of contact.
- Keep important phone numbers with you at all times.
- Get everyone involved. The Ready Virginia website www.ReadyVirginia.gov has preparedness information for families, businesses and those with special needs.



Important documents to protect

The following documents should be stored in a dry, safe location:

- Apartment or condo leases
- Home or other property deeds
- Estate documents
- Homeowner's or renter's insurance documents
- Wills
- Life insurance policies
- List and/or photos of possessions and their values
- List of important phone numbers
- Flood insurance documents
- Vehicle titles, leases, loan documents
- Financial statements
- Utility statements
- Government financial assistance award letters
- Birth certificates, proof of citizenship or adoption records
- Social security cards
- Employment contracts or other legal documents
- Medical records, x-rays, benefits documents
- Education records
- Passports
- List of medications and duplicate prescriptions



Courtesy of City of Chesapeake



Interstate 64 lane reversal



The direction of traffic on I-64 will only be reversed when ordered by the governor in advance of a storm or other event that threatens the citizens of Hampton Roads.

In a lane reversal, the eastbound lanes of I-64 will be used to carry additional traffic westbound so that all vehicles on the highway are heading toward Richmond. A standard evacuation issued by a city or county does not reverse traffic on I-64.

In a Category 3 to Category 5 hurricane, the governor might issue a traffic direction reversal order for I-64 to evacuate citizens more efficiently.

The direction of traffic on I-64 will only be reversed in the most extreme conditions. Plans call for an I-64 reversal to begin on the Norfolk side of the Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel and end at the I-295 interchange in Richmond. For more information, see www.vdot.virginia.gov.

¿Información de la necesidad en español?

Spanish-speaking communities now have access to essential emergency preparedness information through a new website, www.ListoVirginia.gov. The site is a one-stop resource for residents to learn about disaster readiness at home and at work.

The American Red Cross and other community-based organizations have a web site, www.Prepare.org, to help serve seniors, children, people with disabilities and animal and pet owners. Preparedness materials are also available in English and multiple foreign languages.



Safeguarding your boat

- Heed and respect National Weather Service warnings and safely moor your boat before storm tide arrives. Boats transported on trailers should be removed from the water and stored securely.
- Out-of-area boat owners should inquire about and plan for a desirable and convenient location for safe mooring. Obtain information from marina operators or follow local boats to a safe anchorage area.
- Safe mooring lines should consist of new or good condition ropes of sufficient size, with extra length and at least three or four substantial anchor points for each craft.
- If possible, boats should be moored in groups with bow lines individually tied high to trees or pilings on the mainland with loose rope for rising tide, and sterns well anchored. Boats in the group should also be tied together at bows and sterns using protective fenders.
- Do not moor parallel to the bank as receding tides often breach or capsize boats in this type of anchorage. Be sure that a navigable passage at the stern of secured boats is made available for late-arriving boats seeking safe anchorage beyond the first boats anchored.
- Boats should be tied high, using a secure knot. Rope lengths should be sufficient to take care of excessive high water.

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