

During an emergency, we are one of Pierce County's lead health and medical services agencies.

We help our healthcare systems stay up and running and:

- Coordinate the response work of community partners and other agencies.
- Oversee public health and sanitation.
- Conduct food and water inspections.
- Control the spread of disease.
- Share information and keep partners up to date.

After an emergency, we explore how we can improve future emergency responses.



**Learn more at
tpchd.org/emergency**

Find info about flooding, power outages, extreme heat, and other emergencies.

More helpful links

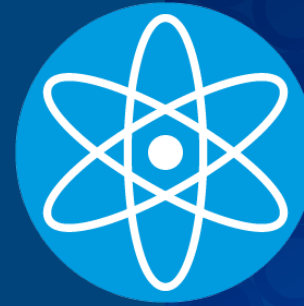
Food safety
tpchd.org/food

Water advisories
tpchd.org/advisories

Plan ahead for disasters and emergencies
Ready.gov

Disaster Ready Washington
mil.wa.gov/preparedness

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How We Prepare for and Respond to Emergencies

Our Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program helps keep our communities safe.



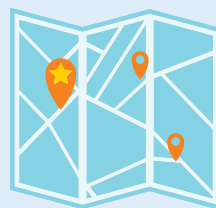
What can you do to prepare?

We play a public health emergency response role in events including:

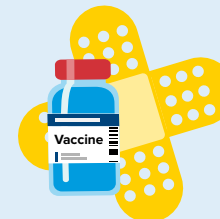
- Contagious disease outbreak.
- Extreme heat.
- Wildfire.
- Natural disaster, like an earthquake, tsunami, or volcanic eruption.
- Terrorist attack.

To prepare for emergencies, we:

- Work with healthcare, government and community agencies to identify and plan for local hazards.
- Create response plans for our county.
- Help develop regional, state, and federal response plans.
- Regularly test emergency notification systems.
- Conduct readiness drills and exercises several times a year.



Know the places where you can access healthcare.



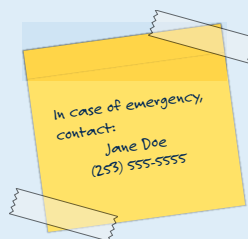
Stay up to date on immunizations. Visit tpchd.org/vaccine to learn more.



Keep 2 weeks of medication and medical supplies in your home.



Create an emergency go-bag for your car and home.



Decide who can make medical decisions for you if you can't. Keep their info on the fridge and in your wallet or purse.



Take a first aid class, like Stop the Bleed or Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.



Volunteer with Pierce County Medical Reserve Corps.

You don't need healthcare experience to help.

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