

Each lesson that a student receives through the “**Key to a Safer Community**” program is interactive, ensuring that children are enjoying and understanding important life skills, and building aptitude through unduplicated **Instruction**.

Preparing, preventing and responding are the fundamental educational lessons integrated into each subject of the “**Key to a Safer Community Program.**”



Prepare



Prevent



Respond

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The **AMERICAN RED CROSS**, a **HUMANITARIAN organization** **LED BY VOLUNTEERS**, will provide relief to victims of disasters and help people **PREVENT, PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND** to emergencies.



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The Key To A Safer Community

Disaster Preparedness

Community Educational Preparedness Program



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The American Red Cross trains millions of people across the country each year in safety and preparedness. We are dedicated to helping make communities safer, we invite you to join us in continuing to educate our community.

“The Key to a Safer Community” curriculum is centered on a series of ready-to-go lesson plans that help schools and organizations educate youth about important disaster preparedness and health & safety. “The Key to a Safer Community” contains lessons, activities and demonstrations on disaster-health-safety and response related topics that schools, groups and organizations can incorporate into daily or thematic programming. The curriculum is nonsequential, allowing teachers or leaders to choose the lesson plans that best fit into their programming.

Many of the “The Key to a Safer Community” curriculum materials meet national education standards tailored for lower elementary (K-2), upper elementary (3-5), middle school (6-8), and high school (9-12).



“The Key to a Safer Community”

The curriculum covers preparedness, safety and prevention for injuries, response and recovery from emergencies.

One component of “The Key to a Safer Community” program is the **Masters of Disaster™** curriculum. Lessons in Disaster Preparedness, Facing Fear, Home Safety and Fire Prevention & Safety all meet the national education standards in core academic subjects specifically focused on preparedness & safety.



- A disaster can strike quickly and without warning. Children will learn how to build a supply kit, become aware of natural & man-made disasters, and be ready to respond in the event of any emergency with **General Preparedness** lessons from the Masters of Disaster™ curriculum.
- Coping with tough issues including terrorism, war and pandemic flu with the **Facing Fear** curriculum will allow children to express their fears and anxieties about uncertainties that we are faced in today's world.
- Preventing injuries at home with **Home Safety** leads students to an understanding of safe behavior; the curriculum also helps students internalize ways to avoid accidents that can lead to emergency situations.
- **Fire Prevention and Safety** helps children and their families prevent and prepare for fires and staying safe in their home, school or community.

Additional Available Curriculum

Safe Play

Teaching children how to stay safe in extreme cold winter or hot summer weather is the focus of the Safe Play program.

Wilderness Safety

Prepares outdoor enthusiasts as well as the occasional hiker to prepare, prevent and respond to outdoor emergencies.

Water Safety

Safety around pools, lakes, water parks, streams & creeks are all the focus of the nationally accredited Whales Tales program designed to make children aware of accidents, call attention to prevention & encourage aquatic safety.

Animal/Pet Safety

Teaching children how to stay safe around animals with instruction on responsible behavior with animals to reduce the chances of a child being bitten.

Home Alone

Prepares children for being safe while unsupervised, responding to knocks at the door, telephone calls and handling a house key and most importantly how to react in an emergency.

Basic Aid Training

Children will learn how to recognize dangerous and harmful situations, prevent accidents and injuries and respond appropriately to emergency situations. Rescue breathing, choking, bleeding, poisons, just say no, cautious kids, and safe wheels are all included in the B.A.T. program.

Babysitter Training (Safe Sitter)

Educates youngsters between 11 & 15 years of age on basic childcare and how to prevent and respond to emergencies while supervising others.

Scrubby Bear

Teaches children the importance of personal hygiene with an emphasis on hand washing to prevent germs from spreading.

Youth Involvement

Volunteer opportunities are available to youth through disaster services training, mentoring programs and local service projects to educate youth on the importance of team work and giving back to their community.