



CITY OF KNOXVILLE

Office of Neighborhood Empowerment

Emergency Preparedness Neighborhood Guest Speaker Series

Learn how to best prepare your family and your neighborhood through a series of presentations from emergency management experts in Knoxville and surrounding areas. You may request the individual speaker for the topics you find most interesting, or you may go through the entire series for a more holistic approach.



American Red Cross of Tennessee Mountain Valley



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Red Cross**

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Red Cross Ready For Adults:
Be Red Cross Ready is a national, standardized preparedness education program for adults taught by a certified presenter. The curriculum is designed to help people understand, prepare for, and respond appropriately to year-round disasters like home fires and local hazards like tornadoes.

Rating Ready For Adults:

This 30-minute presentation introduces our free membership program to help businesses, schools, or organizations become better prepared for disasters and other emergencies. All in one place, Ready Rating members have access to one-of-a-kind tools, resources and information for evaluating and improving their ability to withstand disaster, maintain operations, and protect lives and property.

Hands-Only CPR For Adults:

In this 30-minute program, participants learn how to check for consciousness, call 911 (or the local emergency number), and give continuous chest compressions. Having more citizen bystanders trained in this simple skill can help save lives by putting more cardiac arrest victims within a few steps of lifesaving assistance. CPR training certification is not provided through this course.

<https://www.redcross.org/local/tennessee/about-us/our-work/virtual-emergency-preparedness-programs.html>

Click here to request a program presentation in your neighborhood:

https://volunteerconnection.redcross.org/?nd=vms_public_form&form_id=10021

Knox County Health Department (KCHD)



KNOX COUNTY
TENNESSEE
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Please note that due to the volume of requests, the health department may not be able to accept all invitations to speak. When you call, please provide the following information: the date/time, subject(s) you would like covered, the timeframe allowed, and the type of audience.

Communicable and Environmental Disease and Emergency Preparedness (CEDEP):
865-215-5093

The CEDEP Division at the [Knox County Health Department](#) encompasses several programs including Communicable Disease (HIV, Hepatitis, TB, STIs), Emergency Preparedness, Epidemiology and Substance Misuse Response. A variety of discussion topics that the division offers include disease information, prevention and control; emergency preparedness and response efforts at the individual and community level; Harm Reduction services; and chronic disease surveillance and reporting.

Knoxville Emergency Management Agency (KEMA)



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The [Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency \(KEMA\)](#) is a shared City and County department responsible to the Mayors of the City of Knoxville and Knox County.

KEMA serves as the central point of coordination for local government efforts to prepare for and respond to large-scale emergencies and disasters.

Knoxville Fire Department (KFD)



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The [Knoxville Fire Department](#) is willing and able to talk to any neighborhood group about fire safety, fire codes, and arson. The fire department can train neighborhood groups on proper fire extinguisher techniques, Hands-Only CPR, First Aid, and Stop the Bleed.

Knoxville Utilities Board (KUB)



Knoxville Utilities Board

You can request a speaker here:

<https://www.kub.org/about/community/community-meetings-speakers/>

KUB offers presentations on Energy Conservation and other company-wide initiatives and projects that affect customers. KUB's topics include:

Can the Grease (preventing sewage backups in homes/neighborhoods caused by cooking grease)

Century II (proactive infrastructure management and replacement program for all services)

Construction Projects (electric, natural gas, and water system upgrades)

Energy and Water Conservation (tips to conserve energy and save on utility bills)

Green Power (reducing our region's dependency on non-renewable resources like coal and other fossil fuels)

PACE 10 Wastewater Collection System Improvement (construction projects, wastewater facilities, environmental impact, etc.)

Private Sewer Lateral Program (maintaining proper connections to sewer mains to protect your property and the environment)

Natural Gas Safety and Call 811/Utility Damage Prevention (what to do if you suspect a natural gas leak and information about calling 811 to have utilities marked before digging)

Vegetation Management (tree pruning and clearance in the utility maintenance zone around power lines). Contact KUB at 865-558-6658 or trees@kub.org to see when tree-trimming work is scheduled for your area.