



Longfellow's WHALE Tales

Water Habits Are Learned Early

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Part of water safety is knowing what to do in the event of a weather-related water emergency, such as a major thunderstorm or flood. With the increase in the number and severity of these types of events in recent years, it's more important than ever to be ready *before* a disaster strikes.

Your child learned some things about this today. But they will be counting on you to really know what to do if needed. Fortunately, being "Red Cross Ready" can be as easy as 1-2-3!

1. **Get a kit** that includes any supplies that are essential for an emergency and keep it stocked and up-to-date.
2. **Make a plan** so everyone in your family knows what to do if an emergency like a severe storm or flood happens.
3. **Be informed** by knowing the risk of floods where you live and visit, as well as what other types of disasters are most likely to happen in your area.

Don't worry. You're not on your own with taking these steps. The resources below can help you be prepared so your family can stay safer, whatever the weather!

Visit [redcross.org/floods](https://www.redcross.org/floods): Find tips and information on what to do before, during and after a flood event.

Go to [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov): Learn how to prepare for storms, make family plans and much more.

Download the Emergency: Severe Weather App: Get weather alerts and live updates on this FREE app brought to you by the American Red Cross. It's available in the Apple Store or Google Play.

Stay safe out there!

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