



Partnership Opportunity

Youth Preparedness Program

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Making the Next Generation Safer

Through our Youth Preparedness Program, the Red Cross is developing a generation of children who are:

- Knowledgeable about natural hazards.
- Inspired to practice what they've learned and share it with family and friends.
- Empowered to react in a crisis and cope with related fear and stress.



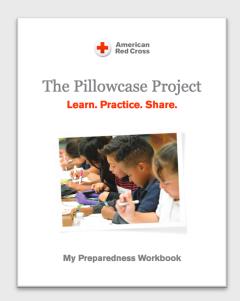


Youth Preparedness Program

These courses offer free education in personal and family preparedness for region-specific disasters and home fires.

- The Pillowcase Project
- Prepare with Pedro
- The Monster Guard App









The Pillowcase Project

Designed for grades 3–5. Participants:

- Learn the science of disasters in their area and how to prepare for them.
- Practice what to do if an emergency happens and how to cope with related fear and stress.
- Are encouraged to share what they've learned with their grown-ups and friends, so everyone in the household knows what to do.







The Pillowcase Project

The program has experienced year-over-year growth and improvement.

- Trained Red Cross staff and volunteers lead the program in communities nationwide and abroad at more than a dozen military stations.
- In response to the coronavirus pandemic, we're offering the program virtually, ensuring we can still reach students with critical crisis coping skills.
- Now offered by all Red Cross regions, this program has reached more than 1.2 million students and resulted in 15 documented lives saved.





Prepare with Pedro

Using storytelling and hands-on activities, students in grades K-2:

- Learn what it means to be prepared.
- Demonstrate the most protective actions for their age level for the emergency taught.
- Practice a basic coping skill and understand its use.
- Share what they learned with household members.







Prepare with Pedro

Since 2017, Prepare with Pedro has reached more than 50,000 students nationwide:

- The Prepare with Pedro storybook includes a diverse lineup of characters, teaches safety, and encourages families to learn and repeat preparedness actions together.
- The workbook, coloring pages and animated videos are available in 13 languages and free on redcross.org.
- Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we've postponed in-person presentations, but now offer this program virtually.



Monster Guard: Prepare for Emergencies

A free mobile app for children ages 7-11.

- Helps children prepare for real-life emergencies through a fun gaming environment.
- Users earn points and medals as they play, identifying hazards, locating safe spaces and practicing protective actions.
- After completing all levels, users graduate and become a member of the "Monster Guard."





Teacher's Guide



Opening

Tell students that they are going to learn about staying safe during emergencies. Ask them to name one of the emergency crills you do at school (e.g., fire offil, earthquake offil, tomado drill, etc.). Explain that emergencies such as home fires, floods, thunderstorms, and severe winter weather can happen almost anywhere in the United States. Other emergencies, like humicanes, tomadose, earthquakes, and tsunams, usually happen in specific parts of the country.

Monster Guard

Tell students that before they learn how to stay safe in an emergency, they need to know which emergencies are most common in their state. To do that they are going to use a cool app! Show them the **Monster Guard** app. Tell them that the app was created by the American Red Cross as a way for students to have fun learning, practicing, and sharing how to stay safe during an emergency.



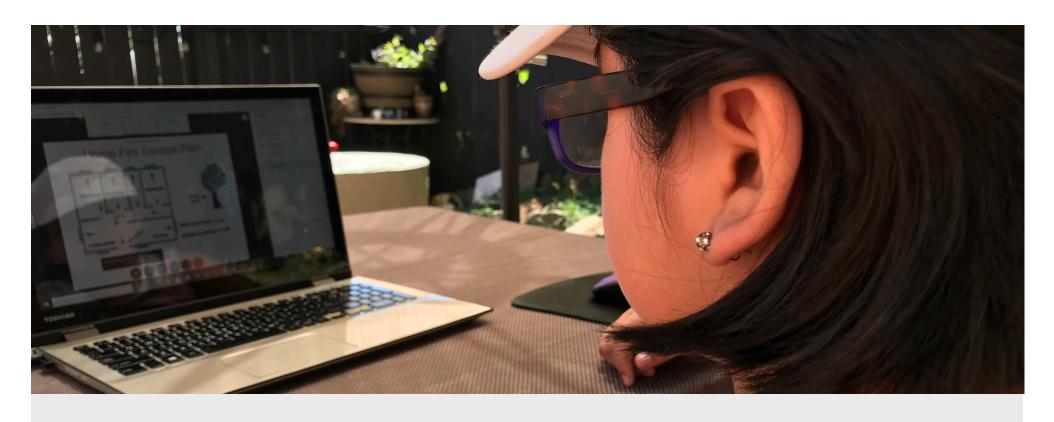
Pass out the activity sheet and read the introduction together. Have students open the **Monster Guard** app and go through the Initiation training mission with Chad. Remind them to write their score in the space provided on the activity sheet. Follow up by creating a last of the lots five student scores on the chalkboard. Have students suggest ways they think they could raise their scores the next time.

Part 1

Have students work individually to complete Part 1 of the activity. Remind them that they can replay the **Monster Guard** Initiation training mission if they need help. Review answers in a class discussion.

Part 2

Grades 1-3: Have students work individually to complete Part 2 of the activity. Have students share their answers in a class discussion. Make a list on the chalkboard of all the emergencies the students and their friends and relatives should be prepared for.



Resiliency Through Preparedness

Together, we can foster a generation of children who are knowledgeable about natural hazards and empowered to take preparedness actions. Through these efforts, we will help children, families and communities become more resilient, so they can recover faster and more effectively in the face of emergencies.



Thank you!