

“The Alabama Emergency Management Agency is encouraging all Alabama schools (both public and private) to teach an enhanced unit on Natural Hazards annually as part of the sixth-grade Earth Science curriculum.”

This list of [Helpful Links](#) will assist all sixth-grade science teachers in supplementing the enclosed Prepared Lesson Plan as you teach an enhanced unit on Natural Hazards. Teachers can encourage students to research various types of Natural Hazards which can affect citizens in Alabama. Students can prepare short research papers, make posters, deliver oral presentations, produce videos and, most importantly, research and create a good Family Disaster Plan for their own family. Students can discuss such topics as: What causes Natural Hazards such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, snow/ice storms, etc.? What can people do to prepare for the next Natural Disaster occurrence? Give a historical review of Natural Hazards (by type) that have impacted communities in Alabama. Be creative with your ideas & have fun developing and presenting your enhanced unit on Natural Hazards!

www.weather.gov & www.srh.weather.gov & www.srh.weather.gov/srh/jetstream/ & www.noaa.gov & www.nhc.noaa.gov (and other related links) - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) National Weather Service (NWS) provides you with weather warnings and weather safety, forecasts and forecasts models, climate information, radar and satellite observations, text messages, good education information and much more.

www.weather.org & <http://education.arm.gov/studyhall.stm> (and other related links)

<http://ema.alabama.gov> (and other related links) - The Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) website provides you with information about the agency's mission, history, organizational divisions and their functions, press releases, contact information for all County EMA offices, and much more.

www.fema.gov & www.fema.gov/kids & www.fema.gov/kids/teacher.htm & www.fema.gov/kids/freebie.htm (and other related links) - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides valuable emergency management and disaster-related information to the public. Learn how to prepare for hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters. Play games. Read stories. Take quizzes. Order free material! Become a Disaster Action Kid! The FEMA for Kids page introduces children of all ages to ways they can prepare for disasters and how they should react during a disaster. There are also resources for teachers and a gallery of artwork and essays.

www.redcross.org/disaster/masters/ & <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/eduinfo/> (and other related links) - The American Red Cross has many materials available for teachers, educators, and presenters to use to help children and families learn how to stay safe and prevent or reduce the effects of disasters or other emergencies. Some materials come with teacher's guides and lesson plans. Teachers can refer to the lesson plans and activities in the Masters of Disaster curriculum.

www.ready.gov (and other related links) - The U.S. Department of Homeland Security maintains this website to encourage citizens to (1) stay informed and be prepared for any kind of emergency, (2) develop a family (or business) emergency plan, and (3) prepare an emergency supply kit.

www.flash.org - The Federal Alliance for Safe Homes is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting life/disaster safety, property protection and economic well-being by strengthening homes and safeguarding families from natural and manmade disasters.

www.floridadisaster.org/kids

www.fldoe.org & http://www.firn.edu/doe/besss/em_plan/teacher.htm

www.firewise.org

www.weatherthings.com - Weatherthings, USA is a for-profit company whose primary products are weather educational materials such as royalty-free weather videos and weather photos, a weather poster for classrooms, and an excellent 30-minute DVD entitled *Severe Weather Safety: Protect Yourself*.