

Disaster Map

Use the map to learn more about the types of disasters that can occur in different parts of the United States. Hover over the icons to view the disaster, and click on the icons to find additional information on [Ready.gov](#).

Earthquakes

Wildfires

Hurricanes

Floods

Winter Storms

Volcanoes

Tsunamis

Severe Weather

Severe weather can happen anytime, in any part of the country. It can include hazardous conditions produced by thunderstorms, including damaging winds, tornadoes, large hail, flooding and winter storms.

Pandemic

A Pandemic is disease caused by a virus that was once an epidemic (disease in one region), then spreads throughout the world. Anyone can be infected if necessary precautions are not taken. It usually requires a vaccination to eradicate (get rid of) a pandemic.

Source: Data obtained from FEMA and the USGS

U.S. DISASTER MAP

LESSON 3

On the STEP Disaster Map, you can see which disasters are more likely to happen where you live and that there is a possibility that more than one disaster could happen at a time. For example, it is possible you could experience a thunderstorm, flooding, and a hurricane at the same time.

Work together to summarize what you've learned!

- Review the information in the STEP Disaster Map
- Let one person serve as a note taker
- Give each person in your group a chance to provide their ideas and opinions
- Write down everyone's answers, and then assign one person to report back to the whole class on your group's responses.

You've studied the different types of disasters and their characteristics. Looking at the map pick three disasters that may affect you where you live. In your own words describe each term and what stands out most to you about each one.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List the items in your emergency kit that could be helpful in the three disasters you described above.

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List some steps you can take to be prepared for the different types of disaster that could happen where you live.

What have you done in class that could help prepare you for any disaster?

What are the most important lessons you have learned from the STEP Program that will help you be prepared for a disaster in the future?
