**10. Know Where to Go for Help**

Use this form to collect important information from these helpful resources.

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* **Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS)**

In addition to this guide, IBHS provides free disaster preparedness and property protection guidance, recommendations, and projects for small businesses. Visit DisasterSafety.org for do-it-yourself (DIY) guidance and projects sorted by risk and property type. <http://DisasterSafety.org>

IBHS also offers **EZ-PREP**, an emergency preparedness and response plan. This guide, plus a customizable checklist, can help businesses build a plan for responding to operational disruptions caused by severe weather. The EZ-PREP program complements OFB-EZ. To be best prepared, businesses should implement both programs to protect their businesses and bottom lines. <https://disastersafety.org/business-protection/ez-prep/>

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* **American Red Cross**

Among other disaster preparedness and response services, the Red Cross offers preparedness training programs and resources for workplaces, families, and individuals. [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

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* **Business Civic Leadership Center (BCLC) – Disaster Help Desk**

The BCLC Help Desk is designed to enhance community economic recovery after a disaster. They provide on-the-ground coordination of information among businesses, local chambers of commerce, NGOs, government responders, and disaster recovery specialists.

<https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/site-page/disaster-help-desk-business>

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* **DisasterAssistance.gov**

Provides information on how you might get help from the federal government before, during, and after a disaster. If the President of the United States makes help available to individuals in your community after a disaster, you can visit this site to apply online. <http://www.disasterassistance.gov>

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* **Federal and Local Emergency Management Agencies**

Even the largest, most widespread disasters require a local response. Local emergency management programs are the core of the nation’s emergency management system.

<https://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies>

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* **Insurance Information Institute (Triple-I)**

Triple-I is a source for insurance information. They offer a wealth of data-driven research studies, white papers, videos, articles, infographics and other resources solely dedicated to explaining insurance and enhancing knowledge. They provide objective, fact-based information about insurance—information that is rooted in economic and actuarial soundness.

<https://www.iii.org/>

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* **Internal Revenue Service–Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief for Businesses**

The IRS offers audio presentations about planning for disaster. These presentations discuss business continuity planning, insurance coverage, record keeping, and other recommendations for staying in business after a major disaster.

[http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self- Employed/Disaster-Assistance-and-Emergency-Relief- for-Individuals-and-Businesses-1](http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Small-Businesses-&-Self-%20Employed/Disaster-Assistance-and-Emergency-Relief-%20for-Individuals-and-Businesses-1)

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* **Small Business Administration**

The Small Business Administration provides loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions, and other forms of assistance to small businesses following a disaster.

<http://www.sba.gov/>

<https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/manage/prepare-emergencies-disaster-assistance>

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* **Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)**

The SBDC assists small businesses with financial, marketing, production, organization, engineering and technical problems, as well as feasibility studies.

<http://www.sba.gov/content/small-business-development-centers-sbdcs>

<https://americassbdc.org/>

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