

With the holiday season here and 2011 fast approaching, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is encouraging all Americans to make emergency preparedness one of their New Year's resolutions.

Throughout the rest of December, FEMA Region VII will promote Resolve to be Ready in 2011, a nationwide effort to urge individuals, families, businesses and communities to focus on being ready and aware of all the hazards that exist.

According to a study by researchers at the University of Scranton, Americans who make New Year's resolutions are 11 times more likely to succeed in meeting a goal or tackling a problem than individuals that do not.

Resolve to be Ready 2011 is one resolution anyone can keep thanks to the tools and resources available at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or the Spanish language site, [www.listo.gov](http://www.listo.gov).

These sites include important information such as how to put together a kit, make a plan and stay informed.

Resolve to be Ready in 2011 is led by FEMA's Ready Campaign in partnership with Citizen Corps and The Advertising Council.

Local events are happening all over the country to underscore the importance of getting people of all ages to make a resolution to be prepared for emergencies.

For more information on the Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps, visit [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov) and [CitizenCorps.gov](http://CitizenCorps.gov).

