

Readiness Watch for the week of 23 May 2011

A production by [Dennis L Hitzeman](#) and his [Readiness weblog](#).

First things first

The purpose of *Readiness Watch* is to provide current, relevant, and actionable readiness information to people determined to be ready for whatever comes next, and especially for those people who are just starting their journey down the road to readiness. Readiness Watch will include observations, commentary, advice, links to resources, and related news.

I always welcome input from my readers, especially tips on information or ways to make this publication better. Feel free to [contact me](#) with information, advice, or tips.

This week's news theme: Man knows not his time

It seems like it would be nice to know when disaster is going to strike, but in fact, we do not and cannot know. But, we can be ready, and readiness can make all the difference.

Websites

[Triple Aught Design](#) -Military style gear and apparel.

Be ready now

Be ready now is a weekly post about things you can do right now to get ready for whatever might come next courtesy of [Dennis L Hitzeman's Readiness Weblog](#). You can find other posts in this series in the "[Be ready now](#)" category.

This week's theme: Immediate Readiness Response Checklist

Many things may need to happen at the moment a disaster occurs, but it is important to keep track of your immediate readiness plan:

- Where is everyone involved in your plan? Is someone missing? Does anyone know why? Where was the missing person last known to be?
- Is anyone present injured? How badly? Does the injury require first aid? Can you or someone nearby perform that aid? Does someone need to call or go for assistance?
- Is the place you are safe? If not, can you get to someplace safe? If you can't get to someplace safe, can something be done to make where you are safe?
- Once everyone involved in your plan is cared for and safe, are others in need of immediate assistance?

Several things to consider in the wake of a disaster:

- If possible, shelter in place.
- If sheltering in place is not possible, evacuate to your [predetermined rallying point](#).

- If evacuating to your rallying point is not possible, follow your contingency plan.
- Be sure that you have as many of your immediate readiness supplies as possible given the circumstances.

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