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## **NYC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOSTS FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY AT STATEN ISLAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

**September 24, 2021** — Ready New York's Family Preparedness Day returns to the Staten Island Children's Museum. The event will be held on Sunday, September 26, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. New York City Emergency Management and the Staten Island Children's Museum will welcome families from all over New York City for a day of fun and learning. Family Preparedness Day focuses on teaching children and their parents the basics of emergency preparedness. The event also highlights National Preparedness Month and the importance of creating an emergency plan for your family. Admission to the Family Preparedness Day and the museum is free with online registration available [here](#).

"It's never too early for children to learn how to build a family preparedness plan. The activities today will help families and children learn what to do in case of an emergency, and what role each family member can have during an emergency. Preparing an emergency plan is a great homework assignment for the entire family," said **New York City Emergency Management Commissioner John Scrivani**.

"We are proud to work with NYC Emergency Management to educate families and children in this fun, fascinating and free outdoor event. Children who can explore emergency vehicles, meet first responders, and learn basic steps to take in an emergency will be more prepared to be brave and strong when emergencies happen. Parents and caregivers will leave the event better informed about city and local resources in the event of a disaster and how they can best protect their families," said **Staten Island Children's Museum Executive Director Dina Rosenthal**.

Family Preparedness Day features a variety of activities, including an emergency preparedness-themed photo booth, a DJ, and a balloon artist. During the free event, children will have access to board games, arts and crafts, and more.

NYC Emergency Management's superhero, Ready Girl, will use her superpowers to help kids create an emergency plan, prepare a stay-at-home kit, and pack a Go Bag. Representatives from local New York City Community Emergency Response Team program (NYC CERT), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Staten Island Girl Scouts, MetroFire, and Project Hospitality T2 will distribute informational flyers and booklets. The event is one of the in-person events held during National Preparedness Month that is designed to inform New Yorkers about preparing for emergencies.

**About Ready Girl**

Ready Girl is a superhero and emergency manager who teaches kids about emergency preparedness. She is part of the Ready New York for Kids' program, a joint initiative between NYC Emergency Management and the Department of Education that is dedicated to helping educate young students about the importance of emergency preparedness. Since she burst onto the superhero scene in October 2015, Ready Girl has taken her message all over New York City, visiting hundreds of schools, community centers and youth organizations, and dropping in on local fairs. She has trained thousands of kids throughout the five boroughs, getting every New York City kid ready for any emergency. To keep up-to-date on Ready Girl's every move, visit [nyc.gov/readyny](http://nyc.gov/readyny) to learn more about the Ready New York program.

**About National Preparedness Month**

National Preparedness Month reminds individuals to prepare themselves and families now and throughout the year. During the month, NYC Emergency Management teamed up with City agencies and community partners to organize and promote a number of events for the entire family, including children, older adults, and pets, as well as steps New Yorkers and their communities can take to be ready. For more information about preparing for emergencies, visit [nyc.gov/emergencymanagement](http://nyc.gov/emergencymanagement).

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