Disaster Prep for Military Families

Military families may find themselves in special emergency circumstances. It is important to be aware of and prepare for all types of emergencies and natural disasters. Military families move around a lot, therefore preparedness needs will change. Considerations for all military families should include:

- Every time you relocate, learn the types of emergencies likely to affect the area;
- Update your family communications plan and emergency supply kit; and
- Be aware that mass warning systems will differ at each location.

If you're stationed abroad, include these tips in your preparation plans:

- Update your emergency kit with items such as passports, local currency cash, and an electrical converter;
- The emergency number is probably not 9-1-1 and may differ on and off the installation. You and your family should know the operable numbers; and
- Learn a few key phrases and basic terms in the host language to be able to communicate in an emergency situation.

For more information about special considerations for military families, watch this clip from Ready.gov.