

# STEP Student Tools for Emergency Planning

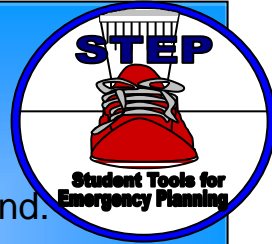


## Learning Objectives:

- Students will assemble emergency kits with their families.
- Students will form communication plans with their families.
- Students will learn general knowledge about disasters common to their area.

STEP is a preparedness education project supported by New England state emergency management. Students at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level will be armed with strategies for dealing with various types of emergencies and will act as agents to share this awareness with family members.

## STEP's Pilot Year 2008-2009 School Year



STEP was piloted in over 40 schools reaching 4,400 students across New England.

Materials include Instructor Guides, DVDs, copies of student handouts, refrigerator magnets, and student starter kits for all schools participating in the pilot year.

Teachers are required to dedicate 1 hour to teach the base lesson and have up to 5 hours of optional lessons to reinforce the base lesson.

Most students took incredible ownership of preparing their households, going and beyond lesson objectives, according to post-implementation assessments.

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The staple part of the STEP base lesson, this movie outlines preparedness strategies in an engaging and age-appropriate way. STEP's Instructor Guide contains discussion topics inserted at stopping points in the video. Supplemental lessons include art and theater projects, language arts, math, and class events.

For the 2009-2010 school year, hundreds of schools have volunteered for STEP.

**Approximately 19,000 students plan to participate.**

Although only 1 hour was required, over **75% of teachers** taught **5-8 hours** of STEP lessons last year.



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