

Prepare calmly. Check your local forecast. Make a family plan.

1 KNOW THE RISKS



HOTTER CONDITIONS

Some places may face extra heat. Keep cool and watch heat alerts.



WATER SHORTAGES

Some regions may get less rain. Store safe water and conserve it.



HEAVY RAIN / FLOODS

Other regions may see more rain. Know local flood warnings.

2 GET READY AT HOME



FOOD + SAFE WATER

Keep drinking water, shelf-stable food and essential medicines.



POWER BACKUP

Charge phones and power banks. Keep torches and a radio.



GRAB-AND-GO BAG

Pack medicines, copies of documents and basic supplies.

3 PROTECT YOUR FAMILY



STAY SAFE IN HEAT

Drink water, seek shade and check on vulnerable people.



FOLLOW LOCAL ALERTS

Use official weather, health and emergency service updates.



MAKE A FAMILY PLAN

Agree where to meet, who to call and when to leave.

4 WHEN CONDITIONS CHANGE



DO NOT GUESS

El Niño impacts vary by location and season. Follow local advice.



CHECK WARNINGS

Use your national weather service and local authorities.



ACT EARLY

Prepare before an alert becomes an emergency.

MY LOCAL EMERGENCY NUMBER:

WEATHER ALERT SOURCE:

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EL NIÑO: SAFETY NOTES

Keep this page with your visual family guide.

1 WHAT EL NIÑO MEANS

El Niño is a recurring warming of parts of the tropical Pacific Ocean. It can shift rainfall and temperature patterns worldwide, but impacts differ by region and time of year. It is not a forecast for your specific town.

2 HEAT AND WATER SAFETY

Follow local heat-health alerts. Drink safe water regularly, keep indoor spaces as cool as possible and check on older people, children and anyone at higher risk. Store water according to local emergency guidance; use safe containers.

3 FLOOD AND POWER SAFETY

Know local evacuation routes. Never walk or drive through floodwater. Keep torches and charged devices ready. Never use generators, charcoal grills or fuel-burning camping equipment indoors: carbon monoxide can kill.

4 YOUR FAMILY CHECKLIST

Know your local weather-alert source. Keep a contact plan, essential medication, safe water, non-perishable food, documents and a small emergency kit. Review plans for pets, disability needs and power-dependent medical equipment.

BEFORE YOU SHARE THIS GUIDE

Check your national meteorological agency and local emergency authorities. A global El Niño outlook cannot replace local warnings. If authorities issue an evacuation or health instruction, follow it promptly.

Reliable reference points:

WMO: [wmo.int](https://www.wmo.int) | NOAA Climate.gov: climate.gov

IFRC emergency preparedness: ifrc.org | Your local weather agency