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It is hard to imagine living without clean water, electricity, phones, and the Internet. However, in an emergency situation access to those amenities could be scarce.

As unpleasant as it is to think about being involved in an emergency situation, it is far worse to be faced with an emergency and not be prepared.

Michigan Prepares hosted by the Michigan Department of Community Health offers substantial information regarding natural threats and hazards facing Michiganders. The Michigan Prepares [website](http://Michigan Prepares website) offers an easily downloadable emergency plan template and checklists.

Michigan Prepares also provides [contacts](#) and [resources](#) for those who may have been affected by a disaster.

For your convenience, you can also download the checklists by clicking the images below.

And, don't forget to print a hard copy and keep it in a safe and easily accessible location.



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MOBILE APPS & YOU

This month we continue our series on mobile apps.

As you may already know, you can find an app on virtually any topic. With so many free apps, why would you pay for one?

Free Apps

1. A free app many times provides only basic features. While an app you pay for may include additional features.
2. Free apps may contain ads within the app. These advertisements help the developer earn money.
3. Both the State of Michigan and the Federal government provide free apps to consumers.

Mobile App Security

Occasionally, you will receive a notification that the apps you've downloaded need updating. These updates include improvements to the device's operating system and security patches. These patches can protect your phone from the latest malware.



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What is Malware?

Malware is a broad term that refers to malicious software. This software can take many forms including viruses and spyware.

Additional information regarding Malware can be found in the Department of Attorney General Consumer Alert entitled [Malware - What Is It and How To Avoid It](#).

If you would like additional information regarding mobile apps please visit OnGuardOnline.gov.

Source: [Federal Trade Commission](http://FederalTradeCommission)

Michigan Mobile Apps



* Additional apps can be found in both app stores.

Federal Government Mobile Apps



* Additional apps can be found at: apps.usa.gov.