



## Know Your Sources for Accessible Emergency Alerts

When it comes to being ready for an emergency, the best advice we can give is plan! One aspect of that is knowing HOW you are going to get your information. There are several options available:

1. **TV:** Ensure you are turned into a credible source. The IC is working with local news stations to ensure information is captioned in real time and at a pace people can read.
2. **All-Hazard Radios:** Know instantly when an emergency alert is issued with these audio and text alert radios! There are add-ons including flashers or bed shakers so if an alert comes out at night you'll know. We have a list of retailers on our website. The Independence Center has also identified the Midland Weather Radio as one that is accessible with add-ons that include a light flasher and bed shaker. It is available through [www.midlandusa.com](http://www.midlandusa.com). Be sure to get the assistive attachments for your disability.
3. **Credible Internet Sites:** It is important to ensure you are getting accurate information online during an emergency. The IC has identified several credible websites for emergency information on the back of this page and our website.
4. **E-911:** Go to El Paso County website to sign up for local emergency text messages. Sign up at [www.elpasoteller911.org](http://www.elpasoteller911.org).
5. **Smart Phones:** In this digital age the best way to get information is through your smart phone. Most phones now have a warning system built into them that works with the National Weather Service, meaning if you are traveling and there is an emergency where you are, you will still get an alert! Many newer smart phones are automatically set up to receive alerts. Others may require the downloading of a free app. Check with your wireless carrier to make sure your alerts are in place and turned on.

### Emergency Source Checklist:

- ✓ Know the local news stations and websites that are accessible to you during an emergency.
- ✓ Research and purchase an All-Hazard radio and the add-ons you need.
- ✓ Sign-up for E-911 at [www.elpasoteller911.org/246/](http://www.elpasoteller911.org/246/)
- ✓ Ensure your smartphone can receive emergency texts.



# Credible Internet Sites

## El Paso County Websites:

### El Paso County

Web: [www.elpasoco.com](http://www.elpasoco.com)

Twitter: [twitter.com/epcpio](https://twitter.com/epcpio)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ElPasoCountyCO](https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoCountyCO)

### El Paso County Sheriff

Web: [shr.elpasoco.com/](http://shr.elpasoco.com/)

Twitter: [twitter.com/EPCSheriff](https://twitter.com/EPCSheriff)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EPCSheriff](https://www.facebook.com/EPCSheriff)

### El Paso County Public Health

Web: [www.elpasocountryhealth.org/](http://www.elpasocountryhealth.org/)

Twitter: [twitter.com/EPCpublicHealth](https://twitter.com/EPCpublicHealth)

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/ElPasoCountyPublicHealth](https://www.facebook.com/ElPasoCountyPublicHealth)

## City Websites:

### City of Colorado Springs

Web: [coloradosprings.gov](http://coloradosprings.gov)

Twitter: [twitter.com/CityofCOS](https://twitter.com/CityofCOS)

Facebook: [facebook.com/CityofCOS](https://facebook.com/CityofCOS)

### Colorado Springs Police Department

Web: [coloradosprings.gov/police](http://coloradosprings.gov/police)

Twitter: [twitter.com/cspdpio](https://twitter.com/cspdpio)

Facebook: [facebook.com/cspdpio](https://facebook.com/cspdpio)

### Colorado Springs Fire Department

Web: [coloradosprings.gov/fire](http://coloradosprings.gov/fire)

Twitter: [twitter.com/csfdpio](https://twitter.com/csfdpio)

Facebook: [facebook.com/csfdpio](https://facebook.com/csfdpio)

### Manitou Springs

Web: [www.manitouspringsgov.com/](http://www.manitouspringsgov.com/)

Twitter: [twitter.com/manitouGOV](https://twitter.com/manitouGOV)

## Other Websites:

### National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration

(NOAA) : <http://www.noaa.gov/>

2-1-1 Resource Line: <http://www.211.org/>

### El Paso Teller 911 Authority:

Sign up for Emergency Notifications in your area:

<http://www.elpasoteller911.org/246/Emergency-Notification-System>

## Local TV News & Weather Websites:

### Channel 5 KOAA (NBC)

Web: [www.koaa.com](http://www.koaa.com)

Twitter: [twitter.com/koaa\\_5](https://twitter.com/koaa_5)

Facebook: [facebook.com/KOAA/](https://facebook.com/KOAA/)

### Channel 11 KKTV (CBS)

Web: [www.kktv.com/](http://www.kktv.com/)

Twitter: [twitter.com/kktv11news](https://twitter.com/kktv11news)

Facebook: [facebook.com/kktv11news/](https://facebook.com/kktv11news/)

### Channel 13 KRDO (ABC)

Web: [www.krdo.com](http://www.krdo.com)

Twitter: [twitter.com/KRDONC13](https://twitter.com/KRDONC13)

Facebook: [facebook.com/KRDONewsChannel13/](https://facebook.com/KRDONewsChannel13/)

### Channel 21 KXRM (Fox)

Web: <http://fox21news.com/>

Twitter: [FOX21News](https://FOX21News)

Facebook: [facebook.com/FOX21News](https://facebook.com/FOX21News)

## Local Radio Websites:

### KRDO 105.5 FM or 1240 AM

<http://www.krdo.com/radio>

### KVOR 740 AM

<http://www.kvor.com/>

### KZNT 1460 AM

<http://am1460theanswer.com/>

## Helpful Consumer-Focused Websites:

**Wireless RERC:** [www.wirelessrerc.org](http://www.wirelessrerc.org)

### Apps for Enhancing WEA Alerts:

<http://bit.ly/EnhancingWEAaccess>

### Need to know Information about WEA:

<http://bit.ly/NeedtoKnowInfo>

### Integrated Public Alert and Warning System

(IPAWS): Informational Materials for the Public

<https://www.fema.gov/informational-materials>

### Accessible/Accessibility Phone & App finder:

<https://www.gari.info>

### CTIA's Access Wireless:

<http://accesswireless.org/Home.aspx>

