



ARES, Skywarn and Emergencies

How hams help when everything else fails

Who does what



ARES

Amateur Radio Emergency Service volunteers support local agencies



Skywarn

Trained spotters report severe weather to the NWS



RACES

Hams working with government emergency management



Your family

Stay safe first, then help if you can

If you hear or have an emergency

1

Say 'Break, break' or 'Emergency'

Everyone else stops and listens

2

Give your location first

Where, then what happened

3

Keep it short and calm

Answer net control's questions

4

Stay on frequency

Until help confirms

The rule

In a true emergency, any station may use any means to call for help.

Getting involved

Step	Where
Free Skywarn spotter class	National Weather Service office near you
Join ARES	ARRL section emergency coordinator
Check into weather nets	When severe weather is forecast
Build a go-kit	Radio, batteries, charger, notepad

Training is free and open to new hams.

Sources: ARRL ARES; National Weather Service Skywarn; FCC 97.403

Remember

Learn the emergency routine now: location first, short and calm, stay on frequency.