



**Here are some questions to start the discussion with neighbors.
When I realize how many I cannot answer, I hopefully realize how miserably ill-prepared I am.**

- How prepared am I for the unimaginable?
- What happens when a disaster strikes our island?
- How extensively will my home be damaged?
- How many will be injured?
- Will I have reliable ferry service?
- How passable will our roads be?
- Will our bridge be damaged?
- Will there be massive power outages and cell towers down?
- If I am stranded off island, who will ensure the well-being of my children, an elder who depends upon me, my pets, my farm animals?
- In another pandemic (like the Corona virus in 2020) do I have enough supplies on hand to limit my exposure to others?
- In the event of severe weather that isolates me in my home or neighborhood, do I have a sufficient supply of food, water, and first aid items for my household and pets?
- If I have friends/family visiting, how will I take care of them, too?
- Do I know which of my neighbors might need assistance with supplies or with meals during extended periods of isolation?
- Do I have a plan for sheltering in place for such circumstances?
- In the event of a major earthquake or severe fallout from a volcanic eruption – what should I do to protect myself and your family in the first few seconds/minutes following a major event?
- How are my actions different when responding to a fast moving forest fire?
- Do I know where to meet my family if we get separated?
- Do I have a meeting place for the neighborhood? Why should that be important?
- Do I know of a safe place within the neighborhood to take injured or vulnerable individuals until outside help can arrive?
- Do I know our neighborhood plan for helping one another?
- What are my neighborhood resources – who has what skills; who has what equipment/tools? What can I contribute?
- Will I be able to communicate within the neighborhood and get critical information out to family members who will be worried?
- What other supplies should I have?