

Icebreaker Activity

Leader Preparations & Supplies:

1. Print each disaster icon below on a single-sided, separate sheet of paper or cardstock.

The icons included are:

- Severe Winter Weather such as a blizzard or ice storm (snowflake)
- Fire (flame)
- Tornado or Windstorm (funnel cloud)
- Flood, Lightning, or Rainstorm (storm cloud)
- Weathering Any Storm such as hurricane, earthquake, drought, etc. (umbrella)
- 2. Attach the printed icons to different walls around the room in advance of the meeting.

Activity Instructions:

- **1. Ask** program participants to think of a disaster they have lived through that impacted them personally. **Note:** If a participant has not personally experienced a natural disaster, ask them to consider which type of disaster concerns them most.
- 2. Next, *tell* participants to note the disaster icons spread around the room. *Instruct* them to stand under the icon that represents the disaster they recalled in #1.
- **3.** Once everyone has selected their icon, have participants in each group take a few minutes to *discuss* and *compare* their experiences with one another. What was the same? What was different? Why was it impactful?
- **4.** Once everyone returns to their seat, you can ask each "icon" to **share** a brief group summary if time permits. This activity is intended to take between 5-10 minutes.

NOTE: Keep in mind that participants who have experienced disaster may not be ready to talk about past experiences. Please respect their wishes if they choose not to participate.



Severe Winter Weather



Fire



Tornado or Windstorm



Flooding, Lightning, or Rainstorm



Weathering Any Storm