

## Compliance Today – December 2018 FEMA: The must-have emergency app

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As the year comes to an end, it is likely that your region of the country, whether it's Hawaii, Maine, Florida, California, or parts in between, experienced some type of disaster or emergency. Whether it was an active erupting volcano, a tornado, raging wildfires, mudslides, a hurricane, or an act of violence, it likely impacted your healthcare facility and its services, as well as your community at large. FEMA plays a central role in assisting providers and communities to anticipate and manage disasters. FEMA's mission statement is "Helping people before, during and after disasters." With the rollout of the FEMA app, they promise to deliver real-time alerts from the National Weather service for up to five locations nationwide.

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