



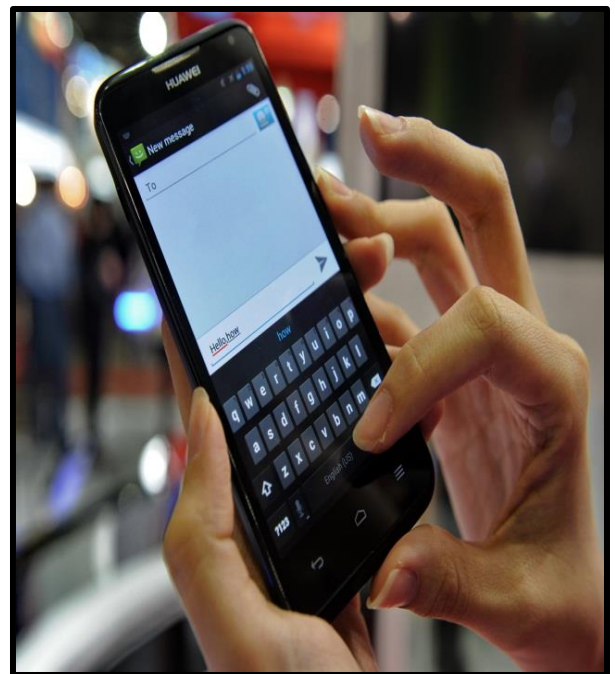
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In the modern world, social media has become an instant method of sharing information during emergencies. It is important to use social media responsibly during these times. The wrong Tweet or post could cause more harm than good. *

- If there is a law enforcement response going on do not share information about the movements of the officers. This could put both you and the officers in danger and inadvertently help the bad guy get away!
- Remember that there are many people following an event online. Some information and pictures may not be appropriate to share with the world.
- Let family and friends know that you are ok when safe to do so.
- Do not endanger yourself to get a picture, no matter how compelling.
- Don't spread rumors or guess at what is happening. Wrong information could delay emergency response to those who need it most.
- Tweet and post pictures after the event is over or is at least under control.



Your mobile device can also help you get access to relief services and emergency help during emergencies. Many government and public assistance agencies are setting up mobile access to their websites and making it easier for people to find emergency supplies and begin the process of recovery after a disaster. Before disaster strikes, learn about some of these tools.

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