

# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



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## Boy Scout Motto: Be Prepared

Merit Badge	Brief Description	Merit Badges Earned in 2010	Merit Badges Earned 1911-2010
First Aid	Earning the First Aid merit badge prepares Scouts to provide immediate care and help to someone who is injured or becomes ill.	89,694	6,626,926
Safety	Earning the Safety merit badge helps Scouts make the right choices and take the best actions to avoid accidents by making informed choices in their everyday activities and to respond appropriately during an emergency situation.	3,661	2,910,543
Lifesaving	Earning the Lifesaving merit badge prepares Scouts to assist those involved in water accidents, teaching them the basic knowledge of rescue techniques, the skills to perform them, and the judgment to know when and how to act so that they can be prepared for emergencies.	27,739	2,929,379
Fire Safety	Earning the Fire Safety merit badge teaches Scouts to use fire safely and responsibly, how to prevent home fires, and how to handle fire safely, as well as burn prevention and camping safety.	15,483	2,550,866
Emergency Preparedness	Earning the Emergency Preparedness merit badge teaches Scouts the actions that can be helpful and needed before, during, and after an emergency.	49,945	1,639,562
<b>Total Earned</b>		<b>186,522</b>	<b>16,657,276</b>

Source: Boy Scouts of America, Local Council Index, 2010

♣ Five of 125 Boy Scout merit badges address general public safety and emergency preparedness. Since 1911, 16,657,276 of these five badges have been earned by young Americans.

—Boy Scouts of America,  
Local Council Index 2010

♣ Since 1994, Boy Scouts have recorded 168,941 service hours in 7,100 disaster relief projects.

—Boy Scouts of America,  
Good Turn For America data  
collection reports, 2010



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