



ODPEM Cookies Policy

1. What are Cookies?

Cookies are small text files placed on your device to help our website function correctly and to provide us with information about how the site is used. In the context of disaster risk management, these tools ensure that emergency alerts and resource maps load efficiently for your specific location.

2. How We Use Cookies

ODPEM uses cookies to enhance your experience during both emergency and non-emergency periods. Specifically, we use them for:

- **Essential Operations:** Necessary for the website to function, such as maintaining a secure session when you access the National Volunteer Registry.
- **Emergency Customization:** Remembering your language preferences or your parish to provide relevant early warning alerts.
- **Analytics:** Gathering anonymous data on which disaster preparedness pages are visited most frequently to improve our public education efforts.
- **Security:** Detecting and preventing malicious activity on our emergency platforms.

3. Types of Cookies We Use

Cookie Type	Purpose	Requirement
Strictly Necessary	Used for site security and core features (e.g., shelter maps).	Always On
Functionality	Remember settings such as font size or regional disaster updates.	Optional
Performance/Analytics	Tracks usage data (IP addresses, browser type) to improve site speed and performance.	Optional

4. Your Rights & Consent (JDPA Compliance)

In accordance with JDPA standards, your consent for non-essential cookies must be **informed and freely given**.

- **Consent:** Upon your first visit, a banner will ask for your permission to use non-essential cookies. You may withdraw this consent at any time.
- **Browser Controls:** You can set your browser to refuse all cookies. However, please note that some parts of our emergency apps or website may not function properly without them.

All information collected by the website, including cookies, will be protected in accordance with our data protection policy.

5. Data Sharing

Information collected via cookies follows the same strict sharing protocols as our Privacy Notice. We do not sell cookie data to third-party advertisers. We may share anonymized analytical data with authorized ministries, departments, agencies and other partners.

6. Contact Us

For more information on how we protect your digital privacy, or to exercise your rights under the JDPA, contact our **Data Protection Officer**:

- **Email:** dpo@odpem.gov.jm
- **Address:** 2-4 Haining Road, Kingston 5, Jamaica
- **Number:** 876-906-9674

7. Changes to Cookie Policy

We may update our Cookie Policy from time to time. We will notify you of any changes by posting the new Cookie Policy on this page. We will let you know via email and/or a prominent notice on our website, prior to the change becoming effective and update the “Last updated” date at the top of this Cookie Policy. You are advised to review this Cookie Policy periodically for any changes. Changes to this Cookie Policy are effective when they are posted on this page.

8. Acknowledgement

Please be advised that by accessing or using our services, you acknowledge that you have read and understood the terms of this Cookie Policy.