



# Community Emergency Planning

## Welcome



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**A Community Development Charity that has been assisting Devon's rural communities, coastal and market towns for sixty years.**

**Community led planning, rural housing, community buildings, greening communities, rural isolation, fuel poverty, business development, community enterprises, sport and play, emergency planning, training, town and parish councils, rural voice, representation .....**

Please use the text facility to say who you are, where you come from and what stage of emergency planning you are at.

# **Civil Contingencies Act 2004**

**Preparation and planning for emergencies: responsibilities of responder agencies and others**

**How the government prepares and plans for emergencies, working nationally, locally and co-operatively to ensure civil protection in the UK.**

## What is a community emergency plan?

*'First on the scene' / when help is not at hand*

Specifies procedures for handling sudden or unexpected situations.

- Prevent fatalities and injuries.
- Reduce damage to homes, buildings, stock, and equipment, livestock, property, infrastructure.
- Protect the environment and the community.
- Accelerate the recovery to normal life.

## Why have an emergency plan?

**We don't need a plan, we just pull together, get on with it and sort it out.**

West Devon Parish Councillor

**Failing to prepare is preparing to fail**

Exeter Chiefs changing room

**It didn't go to plan, but we knew what to do, because we had thought about it.**

Response team member commenting on a blizzard

It was bad, but it could have been far worse, the volunteers did a good job.

Flood event incident commander



WE NEED SOME NEW JARGON,  
THE PUBLIC ARE STARTING TO  
UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE  
TALKING ABOUT!



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## Emergency:

A serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action.  
(OED)



A situation that poses an immediate risk to health, life, property, or environment. Most emergencies require urgent intervention to prevent a worsening of the situation, although in some situations, mitigation may not be possible and agencies may only be able to offer palliative care for the aftermath. (Wikipedia)



An event or situation that threatens serious damage to human welfare in a place in the UK or to the environment of a place in the UK, or war or terrorism which threatens serious damage to the security of the UK. To constitute an emergency this event or situation must require the implementation of special arrangements by one or more Category 1 responder. (Cabinet Office)

## **Emergency Plan**

**A document or collection of documents that sets out the overall framework for the initiation, management, co-ordination and control of personnel and assets to reduce, control or mitigate the effects of an emergency.**

## **Emergency planning**

**Aspect of Integrated Emergency Management concerned with developing and maintaining procedures to prevent emergencies and to mitigate the impact when they occur.**

## **Emergency planning cycle**

**A continuous process of assessing the risk of and preparing for emergencies, supported by procedures to keep staff in readiness, and to review and validate plans, revising them, if necessary, following emergency exercises or response operations.**

# Catastrophic emergency

An emergency that has an exceptionally high and potentially widespread impact and

*requires immediate central government direction and support.*

# Devon Community Resilience Board & Forum

## Vision statement

*“To work with communities and individuals to develop and enhance their ability to harness local resources and expertise, to help themselves plan for, respond to and recover from emergencies.”*

**Guidance and support to produce an emergency plan**

**Resilience Forum meetings**

**Database of local emergency plans**





Devon Community Resilience Forum

a working partnership between



Devon & Cornwall Police



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West Devon  
Borough  
Council



## Resilience

**Ability of the community, services, area or infrastructure to detect, prevent, and if necessary, to withstand, handle and recover from disruptive challenges.**

### What does a resilient community look like?

- **Are aware of risks that may affect them (both nationally and locally) and how vulnerable they are to such risks. This helps motivate them to personally take action to prepare for the consequences of emergencies.**
- **Work in partnership to complement the work of the professional responders and other organisations before, during and after an emergency.**
- **Use existing skills, knowledge and resources to prepare for, and deal with, the consequences of emergencies.**



# Local Emergency Plan

*Helping communities help themselves*

## Can be:

Parish / Joint parishes / Town / Village / Location

## Process:

- ❖ Identify risks
- ❖ Seek to prevent or mitigate
- ❖ Community awareness and preparation
- ❖ First responder
- ❖ Support emergency services
- ❖ Community recovery
- ❖ Learn and adapt the local plan.

# Risks

Accident / Bombs / Cyber Crime / Fire / Floods / Freezing / Gales /

Lions / Pandemic / Pollution / Road-Rail-Air incident / Snow / Storms /

Subsidence / Terrorism / Transport / Utilities failure



A Plan can be put together by those with experience and those with good local knowledge.

Passive: contains information – contacts, resources

Active: direct action, community engagement, equipment, training, rehearsal, analysis

## Getting started:

- Workshops
- Guide & Template (see DCT web site)
- Informed help to compile a local plan
- Forum events

## What makes a plan?

- Identifying your community
- Identifying existing local relationships and getting people involved
- Community emergency groups and co-ordinators
- Identifying the most vulnerable in an emergency
- Identifying and preparing for risks
- Assessing community skills and resources
- Insurance and health & safety
- Identifying key locations
- Emergency contacts list
- Public informed
- Held on a confidential database

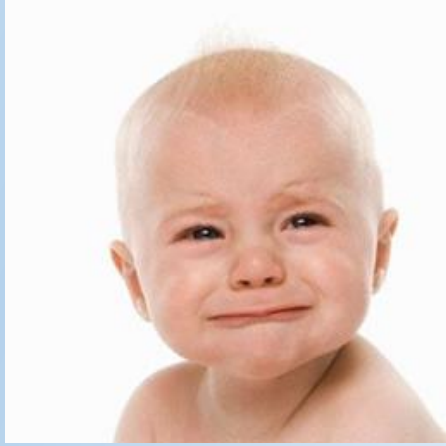
## Covid – a catastrophic emergency

- Government intervention
- Constantly learning
- Mistakes
- Public Confidence
- Destruction of systems we all use
- Established support networks jeopardised
- New systems needed
- What have we learnt?



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+  
**time**  
+  
**effort**  
+  
**dedication**  
+  
**patience**



Community Emergency Plan Toolkit

+

Model Emergency Plan Template

+

Funding

=

*Happy Days!!!!*



Buy one, get ~~one~~ ~~two~~ **three** free

**Updating an emergency plan**

**Place of safety (with covid version)**

**Home Emergency Kit**



# Questions

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