

What is Emergency Management

Emergency Management is management principles and concepts, such as organization and planning, applied to emergency and disaster situations. These include the four phases of Emergency Management; Mitigation (the reduction or lessening of the effects of emergencies and disasters), Preparedness (getting ready for those events that may and will happen), Response (effectively responding to those events as a jurisdiction), and Recovery (repairing and replacing damages to pre-incident conditions).

The goal of Emergency Management is:

to protect public health and safety regardless of
scale/cause

A Hazard is:

any potential threat to public health and safety

There are 4 classes of hazard:

Natural hazards
Technological hazards
Biological hazards
Man-made hazards

An Emergency is:

any actual threat to public health and safety

A Disaster is:

an **emergency** in which local authorities cannot
cope

All disasters are emergencies but not all
emergencies are disasters