

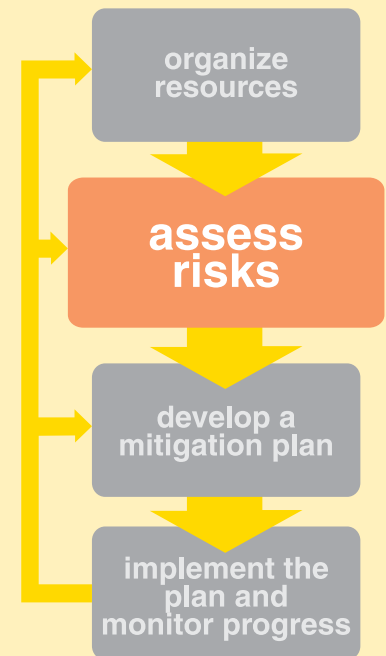
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You have organized your resources, established your planning team, and engaged the public. The work you have done in this first phase will continue to pay dividends throughout the planning process. You are now ready to move to the next phase of the hazard mitigation planning process, Assess Risks.

The next how-to guide in this series, *Understanding Your Risks* (FEMA 386-2), will walk you through a four-step process of identifying your hazards and estimating the potential losses from future hazard events. The loss estimation is important to help you identify the hazards or assets you should address first in your mitigation plan.

As detailed in the Foreword, the Hazard Mitigation Planning process consists of four basic phases.



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