Prepare Your Business and Employees To Respond To and Recover From Disasters

The private sector is a vital part of the nation’s emergency management team.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency sees the nation’s vast network of business, industry, academia, trade associations and other non-governmental organizations as equal – and equally responsible – partners in every phase of emergency management, from preparedness to response and recovery to mitigation.

FEMA supports this “Whole Community” approach to emergency management with a wide variety of programs and free tools and resources available to all private sector entities.

INFORMATION

Comprehensive information on business and employee emergency preparedness, continuity planning, FEMA programs and doing business with FEMA can be found at:

- www.ready.gov
- www.ready.gov/business
- American Red Cross Ready Rating Business Preparedness Program: http://www.readyrating.org
- Sign up to receive FEMA updates and other information: https://www.fema.gov/about/news-multimedia/newsletters
FEMA Offers Emergency Management Toolkits and Exercise Starter Toolkits that provide information and resources on topics including:

- Continuity of Essential Functions
- Cybersecurity, Stabilization and Restoration of Critical Infrastructure
- Economic Recovery and Resilience

https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/national-preparedness/exercises/tools

https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/web/em-toolkits

https://preptoolkit.fema.gov/web/em-toolkits/archive

**Preparedness Training for Community-Based Organizations (OPEN)**

OPEN is a web-based program designed to guide participants on how to identify risks, locate resources and better prepare for incidents:


**Emergency Management Institute**

FEMA’s Independent Study Program offers free, self-paced on-line courses on subjects that span the full spectrum of emergency preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.

Review all the subjects and register for courses at: [http://training.fema.gov/EMI](http://training.fema.gov/EMI)
Recommended Courses include:

**Emergency Management Fundamentals**

- [IS-100.C: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS 100](#)
- [IS-200.C: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response](#)
- [IS-700.B: An Introduction to the National Incident Management System](#)

**Partnerships**

- [IS-660: Introduction to Public-Private Partnerships](#)
- [IS-662: Improving Preparedness and Resilience through Public-Private Partnerships](#)

**Continuity Planning**

- [IS-1300: Introduction to Continuity of Operations](#)
- [IS-394.A: Protecting Your Home or Small Business From Disaster](#)

**Exercises**

- [IS-120.C: An Introduction to Exercises](#)
Critical Infrastructure

- **IS-915: Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Insider Threats**
- **IS-916: Critical Infrastructure Security: Theft and Diversion – What You Can Do**

Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience

- A number of security awareness courses are offered. [Review the list](#).

Mitigation

- **IS-393.B: Introduction to Hazard Mitigation**
- **IS-2700: National Mitigation Framework, an Introduction**
- **IS-325: Earthquake Basics: Science, Risk, and Mitigation**

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