Resources for emergency resilience and preparedness

This document provides guidance to resources that may help improve your organisation's preparedness for and resilience to all-hazard disasters and other causes of service disruption.

Northern Territory resources

SecureNT

SecureNT provides up-to-date emergency alerts and warnings from:

- Bureau of Meteorology (BoM)
- NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services
- Road Report NT
- Power and Water Corporation
- Bushfires NT.

Additional resources are also available to help you to prepare, respond and recover from emergencies.

Insurance

Insurance is an essential part of emergency planning. It is important that you know what your insurance covers and if you have the right level of cover for natural disaster risks, such as cyclones or floods. Find out more on the SecureNT website. The Insurance Council of Australia website is also a good resource.

Emergency kit

No matter where you live or work in the NT, an emergency kit is a necessity. The SecureNT website has a list of things your emergency kit should include.

Territory Emergency Plan

The Territory Emergency Plan describes the NT's:

- approach to emergency and recovery operations
- governance and coordination arrangements
- roles and responsibilities of government agencies.

Local emergency plans

There are a total of 46 local emergency plans that outline the emergency management arrangements for localised areas across the Territory.

Your organisation should be familiar with the local emergency plan(s) for the area(s) in which you operate.

All the local emergency plans are available on the NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services website.

Your business emergency plan

Persons conducting a business or undertaking must ensure that an emergency plan is prepared for the workplace. Visit the NT WorkSafe website for information on business emergency plans.

NT WorkSafe also has an emergency plans checklist that provides examples of relevant factors to consider.

Emergency management plan template

The Australian Department of Business has a comprehensive template that guides you through the process of creating a solid, well-structured emergency management plan that is tailored to your business.

To download the template, visit the Australian Department of Business website.

Cyber security

The Australian Cyber Security Centre provides advice for businesses and non-government organisations on how to protect against cyber compromise and cyber fraud and how to respond in a cyber incident.

Ensure suspected cyber incidents are promptly reported in accordance with your organisation's policy.

Other resources

Critical Infrastructure Centre – coordinates the management of risks to Australia's critical infrastructure.

Australian Disaster Resilience Knowledge Hub – a national, open-source platform that supports and informs policy, planning, decision making and contemporary good practice in disaster resilience.

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Criticality rating system

You can use the below criticality rating system to help determine how critical your facility or service is to the wellbeing of the community. The thresholds are based on the potential consequences of service disruption.

In addition to community members, other essential services may rely on the continued operation of your facility or service to continue their own operations. These include:

- Power
- Water and sewerage
- Telecommunications
- Fuel stations
- Transportation infrastructure such as the barge landing, aerodrome and main access roads

- Health centres
- Community stores
- Police stations
- Banking and finance services
- Emergency shelters

When using the criticality rating system, consider how many other essential services in the community would be affected if your facility/service becomes compromised and is no longer operational.

Vital	Service disruption results in community-wide outage and there is no alternative service.
Major	Service disruption affects one or more other essential services and is detrimental to the wellbeing of the community.
Significant	Service disruption is detrimental to the wellbeing of the community but does not result in the loss of other essential services.
Minor	Service disruption can be mitigated by alternative services from within the community or from a nearby community/regional centre.

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