



Emergency plans

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Our main concern in an emergency is to provide support for the people in the affected area. This is achieved by a co-ordinated response with other responding organisations, such as the fire, police and ambulance service.

Handling an emergency

We use resources to lessen the effect of the emergency on people, property and infrastructure. In addition to dealing with the incident, normal support and care for the wider community must continue throughout any disruption.

As the emergency moves on, emphasis shifts from response to recovery. Local authorities take the leading role in co-ordinating rehabilitation of the community and restoration of the environment.

We have a particular responsibility in emergency situations in relation to safety of structures, emergency shelter, re-housing and environmental health issues.

Our emergency plan outlines:

- How we will respond to an emergency
- Plan activation
- Roles and responsibilities
- Welfare
- Communications
- Incident control centre procedures
- Resources
- Reception centre information
- How we will recover from an incident.

Risk assessments

We carry out risk assessments, which are used to create a risk profile for the county and form the Community Risk Register.

Risk assessments help us to identify and plan for new or

changing threats. The types of risk that interest local emergency planners:

- Transport infrastructure i.e. road and rail
- Areas with large numbers of people such as town centres and shopping centres
- Severe weather such as storms, snow and flooding
- Key sites
- Pandemic outbreaks

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