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# Western Region Emergency Preparedness

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# What is Emergency Preparedness?



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# Overview

- Emergency preparedness and response focuses on coordinating, managing and providing logistical assistance in preparation for and in response to various emergencies and incidents.
- These can include but are not limited to:
  - Natural Disasters
  - White Powder Incidents
  - Active Aggressors
  - Cyber Incidents
  - Disease Outbreaks
  - Radiological Incidents

# What I Do

- Risk Assessment
  - Identify potential hazards and impacts of each
- Planning and Coordination
  - Attend and assist workgroups for various risks/hazards
- Technical Assistance
  - Assist in creating plans and providing logistical help in trainings
- Resource Management
  - Ensure proper supplies are identified and given to staff
  - Maintain a supply of PPE and other equipment

# What I Do continued

- Training and Exercises
  - Assist with identifying needed trainings and planning applicable exercises
- Evaluation
  - Assist with after action reviews, ensuring plan is revised keeping up to date with best practices
- Western Region Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition (HEPC)
  - Logistical support for coalition meetings as needed

# All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan

- Regional plan that covers 2 regional and 2 district offices
- Identifies and defines threats
- Outlines plans for specified threats
- Identifies partnerships with Health and Safety Committee and Tenant Safety Organization representatives
- Identifies partnerships with local law enforcement and other entities as it pertains to safety

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# How did we get to this point?

# First Steps

- Research
- Collaboration with Public Health Emergency Preparedness team, District Office Management, and Regional Administration
- Identifying purpose and scope of the document
- Identifying applicable hazards to the regional and district offices

# Writing the Plan

- Utilize federal guidance, past plans and information from trainings
- Collaborate with regional administration to identify outside programs and partnerships that can be utilized to ensure safety in an emergency
- Find outside vendors to ensure plan accuracy and reliability

# Finalizing the Plan

- Regular meetings with union representatives (Health and Safety Committee and Tenant Safety Organization) to ensure contract compliance is maintained through the plan
- Regular meetings with stakeholders within the department and other applicable entities to ensure best practices are being followed
- Sending plan for final review and approval from Regional Directors and The Office of Health and Safety

# Continuity and Upkeep

- Revising and updating the plan with the release of new policies and procedures as they come out
- Routine review of the document and its contents to ensure accuracy and alignment with current standards contingent of change in guidance from other entities

# Why does this matter

- Mitigate errors and casualties in the case of an event
- Keep individuals informed on latest information regarding plans and safety procedures
- Ensuring effective recovery and continuity of operations in the case of an event
- Engage with stakeholders ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all individuals

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