



**Resilience
NSW**



GET READY NSW FACT SHEET

Building resilient communities together

Emergency management is most effective when everyone works together.

All levels of government, emergency services, community service organisations, businesses, non-profits, community groups and community members have an important part to play.

If a disaster occurred in our local community, directly or indirectly, we'd all be impacted.

It's in our own best interests and the interests of others to be prepared for disasters.

The more prepared an organisation or community is for disasters, the more resilient they become, the better their recovery will be.

Collaborating for better outcomes

We need your help

Research has proven messages delivered by local, trusted sources via familiar channels (yours!) have been most effective in raising risk awareness and increasing preparedness actions.

We've taken the work out of it for you

We've worked with emergency service organisations to develop a suite of free resources.

We provide these to local, trusted sources of information in regular communication with potentially disaster impacted people, including:

- Councils
- Businesses
- Community services organisations (CSOs)

All materials can be easily localised and shared.

We know every community is exposed to multiple hazards, but there are a number of common actions that people can take to prepare for any hazard, so we've taken an all-hazards approach.

These messages complement hazard-specific information and provide an additional gateway to emergency service organisations.

Get Ready for Disasters

Five simple steps to prepare for disasters



1. Know your risk

Think about the area you live in and the types of disasters that could affect you.



2. Plan now for what you will do

Sit down and talk with your family and plan for what you will do if a disaster affects your area.



3. Get your home ready

Prepare your home by doing general home maintenance and checking your insurance.



4. Be aware

Find out how to prepare and what to do if there is a disaster in your area. Connect with NSW emergency services to stay informed.



5. Look out for each other

Share information with your family, friends, neighbours and those who may need assistance.



emergency.nsw.gov.au/getready



We want you to use Get Ready NSW materials

Help your organisation and community become more aware, more prepared and more resilient.

Download the free resources now from
www.resilience.nsw.gov.au/prepare.html

Get Ready Councils

Councils play an incredibly important role in all four stages of emergency management:

1. Prevent
2. Prepare
3. Respond
4. Recover

Part of your role in local emergency management is legislated. You're required to have a Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO). This person will represent your council at the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC). There will also be a Local Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN).

And in event of an emergency, your community will turn to you for information, advice and support.



Resources

To support you in this important role, we've developed a *Get Ready Councils: Disaster Preparedness Communications Starter Kit*.

We also have resources for businesses and community service organisations that might be of interest to council staff working in business engagement, economic and / or community development.

Get Ready CSOs

Our free toolkit will help you understand:

- How to prepare clients for emergencies
- Existing emergency management plans
- The role of your organisation in recovery

Get Ready Business

Our free toolkit, developed with NSW Treasury and the NSW Small Business Commissioner, will help you prepare your business for a disaster in five simple steps.

The Small Business Commissioner has also prepared *Get Back to Business*. This is a guide to recovery with action checklists, case studies of lessons learnt and a directory of resources.



You may also be interested in

- Resilient Australia Awards – a national program recognising initiatives that strengthen community disaster resilience.
- NSW Get Ready Community Award – recognising a community that's worked together to make their community more prepared for disaster.
- Community Resilience Network program – assists with mapping community profiles and contributes to local recovery plans.
- Community Resilience Innovation Program (CRIP) – grants for locally-based projects designed to increase all-hazard preparedness.
- Get Ready Animals – prepared by NSW SES to help you, your group, association, breed club, business and local community get ready.

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