Quick Guide

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Introduction to Australia's Emergency Management Arrangements

Speed read

- Australia's emergency management arrangements bring together all levels of government, emergency management organisations, NGOS, businesses and communities to deliver coordinated emergency management across all hazards.
- The Arrangements provide an overview of how Australia addresses risks and impacts of hazards.
- The Arrangements outline roles and responsibilities for a collaborative approach to the prevention of, preparedness for, response to and recovery from emergencies.

Key points

The Arrangements:

- outline the principles and structures that support national coordination of emergency management
- recognise that the states and territories have the primary role for emergency management
- support the concept of an 'all hazards' approach
- support the concept of 'shared responsibility'
- are intended to support, not supersede or conflict with, specific sector or hazard specific guidance where it exists.

Under Australia's constitutional arrangements, state and territory governments have responsibility for the protection of life, property and the environment within their jurisdiction. The role of the Australian Government is to provide support and assistance to the jurisdictions.

Both government and non-government stakeholders, sharing roles and responsibilities in addressing emergencies. Consider the roles of families and individuals, communities, schools and school communities, emergency management volunteers, critical infrastructure operators, businesses, industry and primary producers, land use planning and environmental management, insurance, NGOs, broadcasters and information dissemination media, scientists and researchers.

Take action

- Familiarise yourself with the Australian Emergency Management Arrangements, the arrangements in your immediate jurisdiction, and your role in preparing for emergencies.
- Get to know who is responsible for mitigation, prevention, and preparedness in your area.
- Keep a copy of the principles of emergency management easily accessible.

More information

- _Australian Emergency Management Arrangements_ (AIDR 2023)
- Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2023
- National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (2018)
- Second National Action Plan to implement the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (2023)
- National Coordination Mechanism