

Resources for Disaster and Emergency Planning

MSL Public Library Standards

Emergency response plans are required for Montana public libraries. ARM 10.102.1158 Library Board, Governance, and Working with the Director states:

- (9) The board adopts emergency response plans that ensure the safety of the public and staff as the primary priority.

The following information is available for developing your library's emergency response plan.

Pick a place to start that is most urgent or relevant to you.

Potential Risks

- You might want to think about adding the following risks (if they are applicable to your area.)
 - Fire
 - Earthquake
 - Flood
 - Severe Winter Storm – what would you do if it looked like there was a severe winter storm that might strand people? (This might be especially applicable to any children who couldn't get a hold of parents or people who had no form of transportation.)
 - Are you at risk for any kind of water damage from a broken main or pipes in the library? What would you do in that situation?
 - Are you at risk for any major power outages? What would you do if you had a power outage that was going to last quite awhile?
 - Are you at risk for any kind of sewer system backup?
 - Are you at risk for gas leaks?
 - Disruptive patrons – what would you do if you had a patron who's behavior was potentially a threat to staff and/or other patrons?

Ready.gov

- [Ready.gov YouTube Videos](#)
- [Ready.gov Plan](#)
- [Ready.gov Business Planning](#)
- [Ready.gov Risk Assessments](#)

WebJunction: Navigating Civil Legal Issues of Natural Disasters

- [Navigating Civil Legal Issues of Natural Disasters Course Series](#)
- [Enroll in the course series on WebJunction](#)

Pocket Response Plan Templates

- [State Archivists PReP™ Website](#)
- The Pocket Response Plan™ (PReP™) is a concise document for recording essential information needed by staff in case of a disaster or other emergency. Every person having a response-related assignment should carry a PReP with them at all times.



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New Jersey State Library Disaster Planning Resources

PrepareAthon! is a grassroots campaign by FEMA for action to increase community preparedness and resilience. With that goal in mind, the New Jersey State Library commissioned the [Librarian's Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency Guidebook](#) and [Workbook](#) to help libraries in New Jersey and across the country to be better prepared to accept the new mantle of responsibility being thrust on them as a safe haven in times of crises.

- [NJ Disaster Planning Website](#)
- [Librarian's Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency Guidebook \(PDF\)](#)
- [Librarian's Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency Guidebook \(Word\)](#)
- [Librarian's Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency Workbook \(PDF\)](#)
- [Librarian's Disaster Planning and Community Resiliency Workbook \(Word\)](#)
- [Pandemics, Epidemics, and Infestations](#)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

- [SAMHSA Coping Tips and Resourcestips](#)

The Stafford Act

Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, PL 100-707, signed into law November 23, 1988; amended the Disaster Relief Act of 1974, PL 93-288.

This Act constitutes the statutory authority for most Federal disaster response activities especially as they pertain to FEMA and FEMA programs.

- [Stafford Act - Text of the Law](#)

MSL Learn Webinar Series - Facilities Management

- [Webinar Recording \(January 30, 2024\)](#)
- [Event Details and Resources](#)