

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH BRANCH

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Workplace Emergency Plans

Recent floods, wildfires, mudslides, and outbreaks demonstrate the powerful impact emergencies have in California. Is your workplace ready for the unexpected?

The Cal/OSHA Emergency Action Plan standard sets minimum standards for workplace preparations. There are a number of resources that can help you plan.

A good start is the preparing for emergencies (PDF) overview from the California Department of Industrial Relations-funded Worker Safety & Health Training & Education Program (WOSHTEP). It is part of a set of materials designed to help employers meet their Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) responsibilities.

The emergency preparedness resources from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) can also help with developing a workplace emergency plan.



Photo: A firefighter carries a hose while helping to fight a fire.

Resources

Cal/OSHA Emergency Action Plan standard

Preparing for Emergencies (PDF) – California Department of Industrial Relations (DIR)

WOSHTEP Injury & Illness Prevention Program Resources – DIR

Emergency Preparedness for Business - NIOSH

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