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FOREWORD

The Australian Emergency Management Terms Thesaurus has been developed in consultation with representatives of all key emergency management organisations in Australia. These experts were given the opportunity to comment on drafts, and information specialists and librarians from each key area analysed their comments and provided input to development of the final drafts. Throughout the exercise the staff of the EMA Information Centre contributed on the basis of their knowledge of their clients, information in the field and issues related to organisation of appropriate information to enable effective access for users.

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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND TO THE THESAURUS

A review of the Emergency Management Australia Information Service, located at the Australian Emergency Management Institute, Mount Macedon, was undertaken during 1995-96. During this study, the field of emergency management was examined in relation to the use of terminology by general users, researchers, librarians, and information managers. One of the recommendations was that a thesaurus and a glossary of emergency management terms should be developed which would encourage common understanding of definitions and relationships between terms and act as a focus for exchange of ideas and further development of a common nomenclature.

AIM OF THE THESAURUS

The Thesaurus provides a list of emergency management terms, related terms and scope notes primarily based on the definitions in the Emergency Management Glossary, and some provided by specialists during the consultation process. These terms include those likely to be used by all services in the area, some from specialist fields that are commonly used in other areas but not those relating to specific areas of particular emergency services.

The types of organisations that will find the Thesaurus of value include:

- peak bodies;
- emergency management professionals;
- researchers;
- academics;
- processing, storage and transport industries;
- local government;
- State and Commonwealth government departments;
- non-government organisations;
- professional transport industries;
- other large private sector organisations;
- hospitals, educational institutions, etc; and
- community organisations.

Within these organisations it is envisaged that the thesaurus would be used by librarians and information specialists in the organisation of information, construction of databases and dissemination of information through publications. The Thesaurus would also be accessible to those wishing to access information in these areas and would assist in effective searching and results.

THE CONTEXT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Emergency management is a range of measures to manage risks to communities and the environment. These measures are described by:

- the 'comprehensive approach';
- the 'all hazards' approach';
- the 'all agencies' (or integrated approach); and
- the 'prepared community'.

Comprehensive emergency management entails strategies for risk analysis, prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. These strategies enable the environment to be managed in a rational and planned way, and to react to emergencies effectively.

The **all hazards** approach concerns arrangements for managing the large range of possible effects of risks and emergencies. This approach is useful in that a large range of risks can cause similar problems, and such measures as warning, evacuation, medical services and community restoration will be required during and following emergencies. Many risks will, however, require specific response and recovery measures, and may require specific prevention and mitigation measures.

All agencies should be involved to some extent in emergency management. The context of the emergency management measures of specific agencies varies, and may include:

- ensuring the continuity of their business or service;
- protecting their own interests and personnel;
- protecting the community and environment from hazards arising from the activities of the organisation; and
- the provision of a public service in protecting the community and environment from all credible risks.

Emergency management measures may thus be couched in a number of organisational and community context, including risk management, environmental management, occupational health and safety, quality management.

The concept of the **prepared community** concerns the application of the comprehensive, all hazards and all agencies approaches at the local level.

Emergency management measures, and the newly-emerging techniques of emergency risk management, can be applied to a wide range of **major risks** and **hazardous events**, by a variety of disciplines.

ISSUES OF TERMS - 'EMERGENCY' VERSUS 'DISASTER'

Each specialist field describes hazardous events in different ways, and there is also systematic variation between the States and Territories. Thus, the hazardous events are variously labelled as: 'accidents'; 'emergencies'; and, 'disasters'; depending upon factors including the scale of the event, the number of organisations involved, the ability of the organisations to cope within their normal resources. For example, a major vehicle accident may be labelled an 'incident' by the emergency services, but may be labelled a 'disaster' by an emergency medical facility.

A general movement away from the terms 'counter-disaster' and 'disaster' towards the term 'emergency' has occurred in Australia over the last few years. In the Thesaurus, the term 'emergency' is generally used in compound terms, such as 'emergency management' in preference to 'disaster'. However, the terms 'disaster' and 'disaster management' are used in some parts of Australia.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Structure of the Thesaurus

The Thesaurus is structured on the basis of the following principles:

- The terms selected are not comprehensive but those identified as commonly used across the field of emergency management. Specific organisations will use additional related terms to organise information, many of which will be based on authorities such as the Library of Congress Subject Headings listing.
- The terms are arranged alphabetically.
- The list of terms includes both preferred terms and non-preferred terms. Preferred terms direct that preference by the term 'Use'. Non-preferred terms are indicated as such.
- Preferred terms have been agreed on the basis of usage within the emergency management field.
- Scope notes are intended to indicate how the term is used in the Thesaurus. Most of these scope notes link to the Emergency Management Terms Glossary which provides detailed definitions.
- The only acronyms included are those in very common usage.

Terms are linked with the following indicators:

Electronic mail

E-mail	Non-preferred Term
Communications	Broader Term
Electronic mail systems	Related Term
Internet	Related Term

Electronic mail systems

Bulletin boards	Non-preferred Term
E-mail systems	Non-preferred Term
Electronic mail	Related Term

Elevators

Lifts	Non-preferred Term
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E-mail systems

Electronic mail systems	Use
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Embankments

Levees	Narrower Term
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Emblems

Insignia	Related Term
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To enable information to be easily searched using the terms of the Thesaurus, the following principles as recommended by the working party, apply:

- The plural form is used unless a specific concept requires the singular.
- Compound terms such as bushfire are applied as two words, bush fire.

Subdivisions

To enable a term to be extended, a list of descriptors are listed in Annex A. These terms are frequently used by those organising information or searching in the field. For example:

Hazardous materials transportation – Law and legislation
Disaster victim identification – Psychological aspects

Additional subdivisions may be added using sources such as the Library of Congress Subject Headings.

Suggested construction of a term for cataloguing or searching

The following order is recommended:

Term	selected from the Thesaurus.
Subdivision	selected from Annex A. Additional subdivisions can be added from the Library of Congress Subject Headings
Place	state or city within Australia, or country and city for places in other countries
Date	may cover a particular period or be specific, e.g. Earthquake 1960

For example:

Floods – Causes – Queensland – Charleville, 1997
Earthquake – Casualties – Mexico City, 1985
Landslides – Planning - Australia

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The Thesaurus was developed with input from stakeholders in all fields of emergency management. Initially discussions were held with individuals in various states, and on the basis of this input and the examination of relevant documents including Australian and other thesauri in related areas a draft was developed and distributed to over 100 individuals who had been identified as having expertise in the general field or a specific related area. These persons coordinated input from their own departments and agencies and forwarded valuable comments.

A further draft was developed and examined in detail by a working party of information specialists, including Peter Koob who concurrently developed the Australian Emergency Management Glossary. Their comments were considered by the staff of the Information Centre, and the final document was developed.

A

Ablutions

Includes showers, laundries, hand-washing basins and toilet facilities.

Aborigines

Australian aborigines	Non-preferred Term
Torres Strait Islanders	Related Term

Accelerants

Substances used to initiate and develop a fire.

Fires	Related term
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Acceptable risk

Degree of human or material loss that is perceived by the community or relevant authorities as tolerable in actions.

Access

Entry	Non-preferred Term
Egress	Related Term
Escape routes	Related Term
Evacuation	Related Term
Exits	Related Term

Accident analysis

Accidents	Broader Term
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Accident causes

Accidents	Broader Term
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Accident investigation

Accidents	Broader Term
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Accident prevention

Accidents	Broader Term
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Accident reporting systems

Fire reporting systems	Non-preferred Term
Accidents	Broader Term

Accident reports

Accidents	Broader Term
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Accident statistics

Accidents	Broader Term
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Accidents

A sudden event in which harm is caused to people, property or the built or natural environments.

Crashes	Non-preferred Term
Accident analysis	Narrower Term
Accident causes	Narrower Term
Accident investigation	Narrower Term
Accident prevention	Narrower Term
Accident reporting systems	Narrower Term
Accident reports	Narrower Term
Accident statistics	Narrower Term
Aircraft accidents	Narrower Term
Bus accidents	Narrower Term
Industrial accidents	Narrower Term
Marine accidents	Narrower Term
Nuclear accidents	Narrower Term
Railroad accidents	Narrower Term
Road accidents	Narrower Term

Accidents, Wounds and injuries

Wounds and injuries	Broader Term
First aid	Related Term
Injury prevention	Related Term
Blast injuries	Narrower Term
Burns and scalds	Narrower Term
Crush injuries	Narrower Term
Diving injuries	Narrower Term
Spinal cord injuries	Narrower Term

Acid rain

Rain containing dissolved acidic compounds, resulting from chemical pollution of the atmosphere by sulphur and nitrogen compounds.

Rain and rainfall	Broader Term
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Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

AIDS	Use
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Action

The executive command to start an operation whereby all required personnel are called to their posts to be checked.

Mobilisation	Related Term
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Activation

Mobilisation	Related Term
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Adolescence		Warfare	Broader Term
Adolescents	Use	Aerial fire fighting	Related Term
		Water bombing	Related Term
Adolescents		Aerial fire fighting	
People aged 13 to 17 years inclusive.		Air attack	Non-preferred Term
Adolescence	Non-preferred Term	Aerial bombing	Related Term
Teenagers	Non-preferred Term	Aerial reconnaissance	Related Term
Children	Related Term	Water bombing	Related Term
Adult education		Aerial photography	
Community awareness	Related Term	Geographic information systems	Related Term
Community education	Related Term	Photography	Related Term
Continuing education	Related Term		
Education	Related Term		
Adulthood		Aerial reconnaissance	
People aged 18 years and over.		The use of aircraft for observing fire behaviour, the threat to values, control activity, and other crucial factors to facilitate command decisions on strategies needed for suppression.	
Adults	Use	Aerial fire fighting	Related Term
Adults		Aerials	
People aged 18 years and over		Antennas	Use
Adulthood	Non-preferred Term		
Aged persons	Narrower Term		
Advanced cardiac life support		Aerodynamics	
Advanced life support	Broader Term	Study of interaction between air and solid bodies moving through it.	
		Aeronautics	Related Terms
Advanced life support		Aeromedical evacuation	
Interventions to protect the airway, assist breathing, relieve pain and suffering and maintain circulation.		Evacuation	Broader Term
Life support systems	Broader Term	Medical evacuation	Related Term
Basic life support	Related Term	Medical transport	Related Term
Emergency medicine	Related Term		
First aid	Related Term		
Advanced cardiac life support	Narrower Term		
Advanced trauma life support	Narrower Term		
Advanced trauma life support		Aeromedical services	
Advanced life support	Broader Term	Aeromedical transport	Non-preferred Term
Life support systems	Broader Term	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Related Term
Aerial appliances		Aeromedical transport	
Fire appliances	Broader Term	Aeromedical services	Use
Aerial bombing		Aeronautics	
Military bombardment by means of bombs dropped from the air.		The science of aircraft engineering.	
Bombing, aerial	Non-preferred Term	Aerodynamics	Related Term
		Aircraft	Related Term
		Aviation	Related Term

Aeroplanes		
Aircraft	Use	
Affected persons		
Persons who have been adversely affected by a disaster or emergency.		
Disaster affected persons	Use	
Aftershocks		
Smaller earthquakes following the largest earthquake of a series concentrated in a restricted crustal volume.		
Earthquakes	Broader Term	
Aged		
Elderly persons	Non-preferred Term	
Agencies		
Organisations	Use	
Agricultural chemicals		
Chemicals	Broader Term	
Pesticides	Narrower Term	
Agricultural industry		
Farms	Narrower Term	
Agriculture		
The science or practice of cultivating the soil or rearing animals.		
Farming	Non-preferred Term	
Land management	Related Term	
Crops	Narrower Term	
Aid		
Free material or financial assistance or other support given to an organisation, community or country.		
Developing countries	Related Term	
Disaster relief	Related Term	
Relief payments	Related Term	
AIDS		
Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome	Non-preferred Term	
Communicable diseases	Broader Term	
Blood	Related Term	
HIV infections	Related Term	
HIV	Related Term	
Immunological deficiency syndrome	Related Term	
Air attack		
Aerial fire fighting	Use	
Air force		
Defence forces	Broader Term	
Air inversion		
A meteorological condition in the earth's atmosphere in which the air some distance from the earth's surface is higher in temperature than at ground level.		
Meteorology	Broader Term	
Air medicine		
Aviation medicine	Use	
Air pollution		
Atmospheric pollution	Broader Term	
Pollution	Broader Term	
Air quality	Related Term	
Environmental impact	Related Term	
Air quality		
Air pollution	Related Term	
Air raid shelters		
Bomb shelters	Related Term	
Public shelters	Related Term	
Air sea rescue		
Rescue aircraft	Broader Term	
Rescue operations	Broader Term	
Search and rescue operations	Broader Term	
Air terminals		
Airport terminals	Use	
Air transportation		
Transportation	Broader Term	
Airbags, rescue equipment		
Rescue equipment	Broader Term	

Airbags, safety equipment

Airbags fitted in motor vehicles to provide protection to passengers in the event of a collision.

Safety equipment Broader Term

Aircraft

Airborne vehicles.

Aeroplanes	Non-preferred Term
Airplanes	Non-preferred Term
Aeronautics	Related Term
Aviation	Related Term
Balloons	Related Term
Aircraft explosions	Narrower Term
Airships	Narrower Term
Airtankers	Narrower Term
Helicopters	Narrower Term
Rescue aircraft	Narrower Term

Aircraft accidents

Occurrences during the operation of an aircraft in which any person involved suffers death or serious injury or in which the aircraft receives substantial damage.

Accidents Broader Term

Aircraft evacuation

Evacuation Broader Term

Aircraft explosions

Aircraft	Broader Term
Explosions	Broader Term

Aircraft fires

Airport fires	Related Term
Fires	Broader Term

Aircraft hangars

Airport terminals	Related Term
Airports	Broader Term

Aircraft refuelling

Refuelling Broader Term

Aircraft rescue

Rescue operations Broader Term

Airplanes

Aircraft Use

Airport fire appliances

Fire appliances Broader Term

Airport fire safety

Airports Broader Term

Airport fire services

Fire services Broader Term

Airport fires

Aircraft fires Related Term

Airport terminals

Air terminals	Non-preferred Term
Airports	Broader Term
Terminals, transportation	Broader term
Aircraft hangars	Related Term
Heliports	Related Term

Airports

Buildings	Broader Term
Aircraft hangars	Narrower Term
Airport fire safety	Narrower Term
Airport terminals	Narrower Term
Heliports	Narrower Term

Airships

Aircraft	Broader Term
Balloons	Narrower Term

Airtankers

Aircraft carrying water.

Aircraft Broader Term

Alarm systems

Alarms	Broader Term
Warning systems	Broader Term
Detection systems	Related Term
Distress signals	Related Term
Emergency warning systems	Related Term
Response time	Related Term
Security systems	Related Term
Fire alarms	Narrower Term

Alarms

Signals giving warning of danger.

Alerts	Related Term
Warnings	Related Term
Alarm systems	Narrower Term

Alerts

The period when it is believed that resources may be required which enables an increased level of preparedness.

Alarms	Related Term
Warnings	Related Term
State of alert	Narrower Term
Weather alerts	Narrower Term

Algae

Water quality	Related Term
Plants	Broader Term

All agencies approach

Integrated approach	Use
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All hazards approach

Dealing with all types of emergencies/disasters and civil defence using the same set of management arrangements.

Comprehensive approach	Use
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Ambulance driving

Motor vehicle driving	Broader Term
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Ambulance officers

Emergency service personnel	Broader Term
Emergency personnel	Related Term
Mobile intensive care units	Related Term
Paramedics	Related Term

Ambulance services

Emergency medical services	Broader Term
Emergency services	Broader Term
Collocation	Related Term
Mobile intensive care units	Related Term

Ambulance services training

Training	Broader Term
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Ambulance stations

Buildings	Broader Term
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Ambulance transport

Ambulances	Broader Term
Transport	Broader Term

Ambulances

Emergency vehicles	Broader Term
Patient transport	Related Term
Ambulance transport	Narrower Term

Ammunition

Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Arms factories	Related Term
Bombs	Related Term

Ammunition dumps

Hazardous materials storage	Broader Term
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Anatomy

The structure of an organism

Animal diseases

Veterinary medicine	Related Term
Zoonoses	Related Term
Bird diseases	Narrower Term
Exotic animal diseases	Narrower Term

Animal food supply

Animals	Related Term
Disaster relief, animal food supply	Narrower Term

Animal rescue

Animals	Related Term
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Animals

Fauna	Non-preferred Term
Wildlife	Non-preferred Term
Animal food supply	Related Term
Animal rescue	Related Term
Disaster relief, Animal food supply	Related Term
Carcases	Related Term
Exotic animal diseases	Related Term
Domestic animals	Narrower Term
Insects	Narrower Term

Antennas

Aerials	Non-preferred Term
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Appeals

Donation management	Related Term
Relief	Related Term
Disaster appeals	Narrower Term

Appliances

Device or equipment.	
Electrical appliances	Narrower Term
Fire appliances	Narrower Term

Architecture

Art or science of building.	
Building construction	Related Term
Building construction areas	Related Term
Buildings	Related Term
Earthquake resistant design	Narrower Term
Environmentally-sensitive areas	Narrower Term

Armed forces

Defence forces	Use
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Arms factories

Factories	Broader Term
Ammunition	Related Term

Army

Defence forces	Broader Term
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Arson

Fires	Broader Term
Fire investigation	Related Term
Incendiary devices	Related Term
Pyromania	Related Term
Insurance	Related Term

Artificial intelligence

Intelligence	Broader Term
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Asbestos

Carcinogens	Related Term
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Asbestos hazards

Hazards	Broader Term
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Assembly areas

Designated locations used for the assembly of emergency affected persons, or combat or support personnel. The area may also incorporate an emergency relief centre.

Evacuation areas	Related Term
Fire refuge areas	Related Term

Assessment centres

Disaster assessment	Related Term
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Associations, Institutions

Voluntary organisations	Related Term
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Atmosphere

Earth	Broader Term
Atmospheric pollution	Related Term
Climate	Related Term
Meteorology	Related Term
Atmospheric instability	Narrower Term
Atmospheric radiation	Narrower Term
Atmospheric turbulence	Narrower Term

Atmospheric instability

Atmosphere	Broader Term
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Atmospheric pollution

Contamination of the atmosphere by large quantities of gases, solids and radiation produced by the burning of natural and artificial fuels, chemicals and other industrial processes and nuclear explosions.

Atmosphere	Broader term
Pollution	Broader Term
Soil pollution	Related Term
Air pollution	Narrower Term

Atmospheric pressure

Pressure	Broader Term
Hyperbaric chambers	Related Term
Decompression sickness	Narrower Term

Atmospheric radiation

Atmosphere	Broader Term
Radiation	Broader Term

Atmospheric turbulence

Atmosphere	Broader Term
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Atomic bombs		
Nuclear weapons	Use	
Australian aborigines		
Aborigines	Use	
Australian Incident Management System		
Incident management systems	Broader Term	
Authority		
Delegation of authority	Related Term	
Automatic vehicle location		
Vehicles	Broader Term	
Global positioning system	Related Term	
Autopsies		
Post mortems	Non-preferred Term	
Forensic medicine	Broader Term	
Forensic sciences	Broader Term	
Avalanche hazards		
Natural hazards	Broader Term	
Avalanche rescue		
Rescue operations	Broader Term	
Avalanches		
A mass of rock, ice or snow descending suddenly.		
Natural disasters	Broader Term	
Geological hazards	Broader Term	
Landslides	Related Term	
Aviation		
Art or practice of operating aircraft.		
Aeronautics	Related Term	
Aircraft	Related Term	
Aviation medicine		
Air medicine	Non-preferred Term	

B

Back burn

Fires started from a prepared line or other barrier to burn an area of flammable material in the path of an advancing fire in order to control that fire.

Fire control	Broader Term
Controlled burning	Related Term

Back fill

The process through which a previously excavated hazardous waste site or trench, or other evacuation is filled with non-contaminated organic material and vegetation.

Backboards

Spineboards	Use
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Balloons

Airships	Broader Term
Meteorology	Related Term
Aircraft	Related Term
Hot air balloons	Narrower Term

Banks and Banking

Financial institutions	Use
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Barometric pressure

Cyclones	Related Term
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Barrages

Barriers across a stream provided with a series of gates or other control mechanisms to control the water surface level upstream, to regulate the flow or to divert water supplies into a canal.

Dams	Related Term
Weirs	Related Term

Basic life support

The provision of basic interventions to protect the airway, assist breathing and maintain the circulation without the use of drugs, defibrillation or advanced techniques.

Advanced life support	Related Term
Emergency medicine	Related Term
First aid	Related Term

Beaufort scale

A numerical scale for indicating the force or velocity of wind ranging from 0 for calm to 12 for hurricanes, or velocities about 120 km/hr.

Wind force	Related Term
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Behaviour

Human behaviour	Narrower Term
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Benchmarking

Management	Related Term
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Bereavement

Loss of loved ones by death.

Counselling	Related Term
Grief	Related Term
Grief counselling	Related Term
Death	Broader Term

Best practice

Management	Related Term
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Billeting

Catering	Related Term
Emergency accommodation	Related Term
Temporary accommodation	Related Term

Biological agent

A micro-organism which causes disease in man, plants, or animals or causes the deterioration of material.

Communicable disease	Related Term
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Biological disasters

Disaster caused by the exposure of living organisms to germs and toxic substances.

Disasters	Broader Term
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Biological hazardous wastes

Any substances of human or animal origin other than food wastes, which are to be disposed of and could harbour or transmit pathogenic organisms.

Wastes	Broader Term
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Biological hazards

Includes infectious and cytotoxic wastes.

Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Hazards	Broader Term
Biological wastes	Related Term

Biological warfare

Biowarfare	Non-preferred Term
Warfare	Broader Term
Nuclear warfare	Related Term
Pesticides	Related Term
Biological weapons	Narrower Term

Biological wastes

Biological hazards	Related Term
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Biological weapons

Biological warfare	Broader Term
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Biowarfare

Biological warfare	Use
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Bird diseases

Animal diseases	Broader Term
Diseases	Broader Term

Blackouts

Electricity supply	Broader Term
Brownouts	Related Term
Power failures	Related Term

Blast effects

Bombings	Related Term
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Blast injuries

Accidents, Wounds and Injuries	Broader Term
Wounds and Injuries	Broader Term

Blast wave

A pressure pulse formed by an explosion.

Shock wave	Non-preferred Term	Hypothermia	Related Term
Blasts			
Explosives	Related Term		
Tunnelling	Related Term		
BLEVE			
Explosion normally associated with fires that involve compressed bases in cylinders, rapid rupture of a vessel caused by over-pressure accompanied by rapid burning of the tank contents.			
Boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion	Non-preferred Term		
Pressure burst	Non-preferred Term		
Explosions	Broader Term		
Liquefied petroleum gas explosions	Related Term		
Liquefied petroleum gas fires	Related Term		
Blizzards			
Violent winter storms, lasting at least three hours, which combine below freezing temperatures and very strong wind laden with blowing snow that reduces visibility to less than 1 kilometre.			
Snow storms	Broader Term		
Blood			
AIDS	Related Term		
Diseases	Related Term		
Boats and Boating			
Ships	Broader Term		
Cargo ships	Related Term		
Flood boats	Related Term		
Sailing	Related Term		
Fire boats	Narrower Term		
Bodies			
Corpses	Non-preferred Term		
Dead bodies	Non-preferred Term		
Carcasses	Related Term		
Casualties	Related Term		
Deaths	Related Term		
Body temperature			
Temperature	Broader Term		
Heat stress	Related Term		

Boiling liquid expanding vapour explosion	
BLEVE	Use

Bomb disposal

Bomb disposal units	Related Term
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Bomb disposal units

Bomb disposal	Related Term
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Bomb reconnaissance

Location, identification and application of safety measures as protection against unexploded bombs which have been set to detonate.

Civil defence	Related Term
Bombs	Broader Term

Bomb shelters

Shelters	Broader Term
Air raid shelters	Related Term
Nuclear bomb shelters	Related Term

Bomb threats

Bombs	Related Term
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Bombing, aerial

Aerial bombing	Use
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Bombing, water

Water bombing	Use
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Bombings

Use of explosive devices for purposes of political terrorism, protest, etc.

Blast effects	Related Term
Bombs	Related Term
Terrorism	Related Term

Bombs

High-explosive or incendiary material or smoke or gas etc in a container fired from a gun, or thrown or deposited by hand, or dropped from aircraft, and exploded by impact or by time mechanism.

Ammunition	Related Term
Bomb threats	Related Term
Bombings	Related Term
Explosives	Related Term
Bomb reconnaissance	Narrower Term
Hydrogen bombs	Narrower Term
Nuclear weapons	Narrower Term

Booms

Floating mechanical devices designed to control or divert oil.

Levees	Related Term
Spillage control	Related Term

Breathing apparatus

A personal respirator worn to provide protection from the hazards of gases, vapours, fumes and dusts.

Protective equipment	Broader Term
Respiration	Related Term
Respirators	Related Term

Bridge collapse

Structural failures	Related Term
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Bridge construction

Building construction	Related Term
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Bridge failures

Structural failures	Broader Term
Bridges	Related Term
Failures	Related Term

Bridges

Viaducts	Non-preferred Term
Bridge failure	Related Term

Brownouts

Electricity supply	Broader Term
Blackouts	Related Term
Power failures	Related Term

Building codes

Fire codes	Non-preferred Term
Codes	Broader Term
Building construction	Related Term
Legislation	Related Term
Liability	Related Term
Standards	Related Term

Building collapse

Building construction	Broader Term
Collapse	Broader Term
Structural failures	Related Term

Building construction

Process of construction.

Construction	Non-preferred Term
Structural design	Broader Term
Structural engineering	Broader Term
Bridge construction	Related Term
Architecture	Related Term
Building codes	Related Term
Construction industry	Related Term
Building materials	Narrower Term
Building collapse	Narrower Term

Building evacuation

Buildings	Broader Term
Evacuation	Broader Term

Building failures

Structural failures	Broader Term
Failures	Related Term

Building materials

Building construction	Broader Term
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Buildings

Structures	Non-preferred Term
Architecture	Related Term
Demolition	Related Term
Flood proofing	Related Term
Ventilation	Related Term
Airports	Narrower Term
Ambulance stations	Narrower Term
Building evacuation	Narrower Term
Churches	Narrower Term
Facilities management	Narrower Term
Factories	Narrower Term
Fire stations	Narrower Term
Fire towers	Narrower Term
High rise buildings	Narrower Term
Hospitals	Narrower Term
Industrial buildings	Narrower Term
Laboratories	Narrower Term
Office buildings	Narrower Term
Police stations	Narrower Term
Prisons	Narrower Term
Residential buildings	Narrower Term
Schools	Narrower Term
Service stations	Narrower Term

Bulletin boards

Electronic mail systems	Use
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Bunds

(a) Enclosures around plant or tanks to contain leakage or spillage.

(b) Embankments of earth, or a wall of brick, stone, concrete or other approved material which may form part or all of the perimeter of a compound.

Flood dams	Related Term
Levees	Related Term
Reservoirs	Related Term
Spillage control	Related Term

Burns and scalds

Chemical or thermal burns, the former caused by corrosive substances and the latter by cryogenic liquids or hot substances.

Accidents, wounds and injuries	Broader Term
Burns treatment	Related Term
Chemical burns	Related Term
Scalds	Narrower Term
Thermal burns	Narrower Term

Burns treatment

Burns and scalds	Related Term
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Bus accidents

Bus crashes	Non-preferred Term
Accidents	Broader Term
Buses	Related Term
Road accidents	Related Term

Bus crashes

Bus accidents	Use
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Buses

Coaches	Non-preferred Term
Motor vehicles	Broader Term
Bus accidents	Related Term

Bush fire damage

Fire damage	Broader Term
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Bush fire detection

Bush fire evacuation

Evacuation	Broader Term
Bush fire fighting	Related Term

Bush fire fighters

Wildfire fighters	Non-preferred Term
Fire fighters	Broader Term

Bush fire fighting

Bush fire evacuation	Related Term
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Bush fire prediction

Prediction	Broader Term
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Bush fire services

Emergency services	Broader Term
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Bush fires

Fires in open areas involving grass, scrub or forest.

Bushfires	Non-preferred Term
Fires	Broader Term
Grass fires	Related Term
Wildfires	Related Term
Crown fires	Narrower Term
Forest fires	Narrower Term

Bushfires

Bush fires	Use
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Business

Customer service	Related Term
Management	Related Term
Public relations	Related Term
Service evaluation	Related Term
Business continuity	Narrower Term
Business planning	Narrower Term
Business recovery	Narrower Term

Business continuity

Management for the continued availability of business services.

Business	Broader Term
Small business	Related Term

Business planning

Business	Broader Term
Planning	Broader Term
Small business	Related Term

Business recovery

Techniques and management principles to reduce the consequences of an event and return the business to an acceptable level of functioning.

Business	Broader Term
Small business	Related Term

C**Call signs**

The name assigned to a mobile or stationary radio user for communication purposes.

Radio communications	Related Term
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Carcasses

Animals	Related Term
Bodies	Related Term

Carcinogens

Agents which are responsible for the formation of a cancer.

Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Asbestos	Related Term

Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation

CPR	Use
Resuscitation	Broader Term

Cargo ship fires

Cargo ships	Broader Term
Fires	Broader Term

Cargo ships

Ships	Broader Term
Boats and boating	Related Term
Container ships	Related Term
Tanker ships	Related Term
Cargo ship fires	Narrower Term

Cars

Motor vehicles	Broader Term
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Case documentation

Case studies	Related Term
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Case studies

Case documentation	Related Term
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Casualties

Persons who are injured or killed as the result of an accident or emergency.

Victims	Broader Term
Bodies	Related Term
Disaster affected persons	Related Term
Fatalities	Related Term
Casualty documentation	Narrower term
Casualty identification	Narrower Term
Injured persons	Narrower Term
Mass casualties	Narrower Term

Casualty clearing stations

First aid post	Related Term
Triage, medicine	Related Term

Casualty documentation

Casualties	Broader Term
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Casualty identification

Casualties	Broader Term
Disaster victim identification	Related Term

Catastrophes

Disasters	Use
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Catering

Billeting	Related Term
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Cave rescue

Rescue operations	Broader Term
Caves	Related Term

Caves

Cave rescue	Related Term
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Cellular phones

Mobile telephones	Use
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Cellular telephone systems

Mobile telephones	Use
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Census

Official numbering of population.

Demographics	Broader Term
Population statistics	Related Term

Cervical collars

Medical equipment	Broader Term
Immobilisation	Related Term
Spineboards	Related Term

Chemical agents

Chemical hazards	Broader Term
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Chemical burns

Burns	Related Term
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Chemical carriers (tankers)

Chemical tankers	Use
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Chemical fires

Fires	Broader Term
Tanker fires	Related Term

Chemical hazards

Hazards involving chemicals or processes which may realise their potential through agencies such as fire, explosion, toxic or corrosive effects.

Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Hazards	Broader Term
Technological hazards	Broader Term
Chemical agents	Narrower Term

Chemical industry

Industries	Broader Term
Gas industry	Related Term
Chemical industry	
waste disposal	Narrower Term
Petrochemical industry	Narrower Term
Petroleum industry	Narrower Term

Chemical industry waste disposal

Chemical industry	Broader Term
Waste disposal	Broader Term

Chemical plants

Environmental risk	Related Term
Hazards	Related Term

Chemical pollutants

Environmental impact	Related Term
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Chemical spills

Spills	Broader Term
Dispersing agents	Related Term

Chemical substances

Chemicals	Use
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Chemical tankers

Chemical carriers	Non-preferred Term
Hazardous materials transportation	Broader Term
Tankers	Broader Term

Chemical warfare

Warfare	Broader Term
Nuclear warfare	Related Term

Chemical weapons

Weapons	Broader Term
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Chemicals

Chemical substances	Non-preferred Term
Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Agricultural chemicals	Narrower Term
Petrochemicals	Narrower Term

Chemists

Pharmacies	Related Term
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Children

People from 3 - 12 years	
Adolescents	Related Term

Churches

Buildings	Broader Term
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Cities

Towns	Related Term
Urban areas	Related Term

Citizen Band operators

Radio operators	Broader Term
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Citizen participation

Public participation	Use
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Civil defence

The measures necessary to protect the civilian population of the State from the effects of enemy attack or hostilities and to help it recover from the immediate effects of a disaster or war-like act.

Civil defense	Non-preferred Term
Bomb reconnaissance	Related Term
Emergency planning	Related Term
Emergency services	Related Term

Civil defense

Civil defence	Use
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Civil disorder

A riot, violent protest, demonstration or illegal assembly that may affect public safety.

Riots	Narrower Term
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Civil emergencies

State of insurrection.

Emergencies	Broader Term
Civil rights	Related Term

Civil engineering

Engineering	Broader Term
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Civil protection

Emergency management	Use
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Civil rights

Civil emergencies	Related Term
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Civil service

Public service	Use
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Civil wars

Insurrections	Related Term
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Classification systems

Labelling	Related Term
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Claustrophobia

Human behaviour	Broader Term
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Clean-up

Process of restoring a hazardous waste site or spill.

Climate

Atmosphere	Related Term
Climatology	Related Term
Climatic changes	Narrower Term

Climate impact assessment

Change observed in the climate on a global, regional or sub-regional scale caused by natural processes and/or climatic changes. Changes observed in the climate on a global, regional or sub-regional scale caused by natural processes and/or human activity.

Climate	Broader Term
Desertification	Related Term
Global warming	Related Term
Greenhouse effect	Related Term

Climatic hazards

Natural hazards	Broader Term
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Climatology

Study of effect of factors relating to climate.

Climate	Related Term
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Clothing

Protective clothing	Narrower Term
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Coordination

The bringing together of agencies and elements to ensure effective response and recovery to emergencies. Is primarily concerned with the systematic acquisition and application of resources (agency, personnel and equipment) in accordance with the requirements imposed by the emergency or emergencies.

Command	Related Term
Control	Related Term

Coaches

Buses	Use
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Coal mines

Mines	Broader Term
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Coastal changes

Coasts	Related Term
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Coastal ecology

Ecology	Broader Term
Coastal ecology	Related Term
Coastal erosion	Related Term
Coastal impact	Related Term
Coasts	Related Term

Coastal erosion

Coastal ecology	Related Term
Coastal impact	Related Term

Coastal impact

Coastal ecology	Related Term
Coastal erosion	Related Term

Coastal zone management

Coastal zones	Broader Term
Zones	Broader Term
Coasts	Related Term

Coastal zones

Zones	Broader Term
Coasts	Related Term
Coastal zones management	Narrower Term

Coasts

Coastal changes	Related Term
Coastal ecology	Related Term
Coastal zone management	Related Term
Coastal zones	Related Term

Codes

Signs	Related Term
Building codes	Narrower Term
Colour codes	Narrower Term
Identification codes	Narrower Term
Injury codes	Narrower Term

Cold

Frostbite	Related Term
Hypothermia	Related Term
Shivering	Related Term

Cold storage

Refrigeration plants	Related Term
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Collapse

The physical deformation of a structure to the point where it no longer fulfils its intended purpose.

Building collapse Narrower Term

Collective behaviour

Crowd behaviour Non-preferred Term
Human behaviour Broader Term
Crowds Related Term

Collocation

Ambulance services Related Term
Fire services Related Term
Police services Related Term

Colour codes

Codes Broader Term

Combat agencies

Lead agencies Use

Combustible liquids

Liquids having a flash point and which are not flammable liquids.

Combustible materials Broader Term
Flammable liquids Related Term

Combustible materials

Hazardous materials Broader Term
Flammable materials Related Term
Combustible liquids Narrower Term
Combustible solids Narrower Term

Combustible solids

Combustible materials Broader Term

Combustion

(a) Consumption of fuels by oxidation, giving out heat, and generally flame and/or incandescence. (b) The process of burning.

Spontaneous combustion Narrower Term

Combustion products

Smoke Narrower Term

Command

The direction of members and resources of an organisation in the performance of the organisation's role and tasks.

Coordination Related Term
Command systems Related Term
Control Related Term

Command systems

Systems for managing incidents by setting down the chain of command and allocating tasks etc.

Command Related Term
Incident control systems Related Term

Commander

An officer appointed by an agency, responsible for command of their personnel

Communicable diseases

An infectious condition that can be transmitted from one living person or animal to another through a variety of channels, according to the nature of the disease.

Infectious diseases Non-preferred Term
Diseases Broader Term
Infection Broader Term
Biological agent Related Term
Immunisation Related Term
Notifiable diseases Related Term
HIV Narrower Term
AIDS Narrower Term

Communication

Conflict management Related Term
Conflict resolution Related Term
Counselling Related Term
Gesture Related Term
Group think Related Term
Management Related Term
Communication skills Narrower Term
Non-verbal communication Narrower Term
Risk communication Narrower Term
Translation Narrower Term

Communication centres

Communications	Broader Term
Computer aided dispatch	Related Term
Control centres	Related Term
Emergency operations centres	Narrower Term

Communication skills

Communication	Broader Term
Interpersonal skills	Related Term
Nonverbal communication	Related Term

Communications

Signals	Related Term
Communication centres	Narrower Term
Disaster communications	Narrower Term
Electronic mail	Narrower Term
Emergency communications	Narrower Term
Radio communications	Narrower Term
Telecommunications	Narrower Term

Communications systems

Control centres	Related Term
Police communication systems	Narrower Term

Community

A group with a commonality of association and generally defined by location, shared experience or function.

Community awareness	Related Term
Community education	Related Term
Community health	Related Term
Community preparedness	Related Term
Community safety	Related Term

Community awareness

Adult education	Related Term
Community	Related Term
Community education	Related Term
Education	Related Term
Public education	Related Term
Public participation	Related Term
Public awareness	Broader Term

Community education

Adult education	Related Term
Community	Related Term
Community awareness	Related Term
Community preparedness	Related Term
Disaster education	Related Term
Education	Related Term
Public education	Related Term

Community health

Community	Related Term
Environmental health	Related Term
Community health services	Narrower Term

Community health services

Community health	Broader Term
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Community preparedness

Emergency preparedness	Broader Term
Community	Related Term
Community education	Related Term
Disaster education	Related Term
Public awareness	Related Term

Community recovery

Recovery	Use
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Community recovery committees

Committees which may be convened after an emergency to provide a management forum for the recovery process in respect of an affected area or a specific community.

Recovery	Broader Term
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Community safety

Community	Related Term
Public safety	Related Term

Compensation

Insurance	Related Term
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Competencies

Skills and knowledge required to complete a specific task.

Personnel management	Broader Term
Competency standards	Narrower Term

Competency standards

Standards of performance expressed in 'units of competency' applicable to a 'range of variables' where Unit means a broad component of work. A competency standard is applicable to a range of variables and spells out the range of contexts and conditions to which the performance criteria apply.

Competencies Broader Term

Comprehensive approach

The development of emergency and disaster arrangements to embrace the aspects of prevention, preparedness, response and recovery (PPRR).

All hazards approach Non-preferred Term
Integrated emergency management Related Term

Compressed air

Gases Broader Term

Compression garments

Medical emergencies Related Term

Computer aided design

Computers Broader Term.

Computer aided dispatch

Use of computer-based technology to assist emergency services organisations to dispatch and monitor the provision of services.

Communication centres Related Term
Control centres Related Term
Emergency medical dispatch Related Term
Dispatch Narrower Term

Computer assisted instruction

Teaching Broader Term

Computer communications

Computer networks Related Term

Computer networks

Computer communications Related Term

Computer programs

Computers Broader Term
Geographic information systems Narrower Term
Global positioning systems Narrower Term

Computers

Databases Related Term
Information management Related Term
Computer aided design Narrower Term
Computer programs Narrower Term

Confidentiality

Ethics Related Term
Human rights Related Term
Privacy Related Term

Confined space

Trench rescue Related Term

Confined space rescue

Rescue operations Broader Term
Extrication Related Term
Confined space Related Term

Conflagrations

Large and destructive fires.
Mass fires Broader Term
Fire storms Related Term

Conflict management

Exercise of various approaches to resolution of conflicts.

Communication Related Term
Emergency management Related Term
Conflict resolution Narrower Term

Conflict resolution

Conflict management Broader Term
Communication Related Term
Emergency management Related Term
Industrial relations Related Term

Consent

Informed consent Narrower Term

Conservation

Preservation Related Term

Soil conservation	Narrower Term	
Conservation movement		Control
Environmental movement	Related Term	The overall direction of response and recovery activities in an emergency situation.
Conservationists	Related Term	Coordination Related Term
		Command Related Term
Conservationists		Control agencies
Environmental movement	Related Term	Agencies nominated to control the response activities to a specified type of emergency.
Construction		Support agencies Narrower Term
Building construction	Use	
Construction industry		Control areas
Building construction	Related Term	Declared areas in an exotic animal disease emergency in which defined conditions apply to the movement into, out of, and within specified animals or things.
Container ships		Zones Broader Term
Ships	Broader Term	Exclusion Areas Related Term
Cargo ships	Related Term	Restricted Areas Related Term
		Zone management Related Term
Contaminated land		Control centres
Environmental impact	Related Term	Communication centres Related Term
		Communications systems Related Term
Contamination		Computer-aided dispatch Related Term
(a) Invasion of a person or animal by pathogenic germs.		Emergency control centres Related Term
(b) Presence of an infectious agent on inanimate articles such as clothes, surgical instruments, dressings, water, milk, food.		Emergency operations centres Related Term
Pollution	Related Term	
Contingency planning		Controlled burning
Plans	Broader Term	Man-made and controlled fires for the purposes of hazard reduction or forest regeneration.
Contingency plans	Related Term	Back burn Related Term
Crisis management plan	Related Term	Fuel reduction Related Term
Disaster plans	Related Term	Prescribed burning Related Term
Response planning	Related Term	Hazard reduction Related Term
Contingency plans		Convergence
Plans for specified conditions.		The propensity for emergency services personnel and others to be physically drawn to an emergency site.
Plans	Broader Term	
Crisis management plans	Related Term	Cooperation
Disaster plans	Related Term	Emergency services cooperation
Emergency plans	Related Term	Narrower Term
Incident management plans	Related Term	
Continuing education		
Education	Broader Term	
Adult education	Related Term	

Cooperation, interagency

Interagency cooperation	Non-preferred Term
Emergency services	
Cooperation	Narrower term

Coping strategies

Disaster psychology	Broader Term
Disaster victims	Broader Term

Cordage

Lifelines	Related Term
Rope rescue	Related Term

Coroners

Inquests	Related Term
Coronial enquiries	Related Term

Coronial inquiries

Coroners	Related Term
Inquests	Related Term

Corpses

Bodies	Use
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Corrosion

The gradual deterioration of material by chemical processes such as oxidation or attack by acids.

Corrosive materials

Materials which, by chemical action, will cause severe damage in contact with living tissue, or will damage or even destroy other materials, especially metals (Dangerous Goods Class 8).

Corrosive substances	Non-preferred Term
Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Corrosive materials transport	Narrower Term
Corrosive materials storage	Narrower Term

Corrosive materials storage

Corrosive materials	Broader Term
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Corrosive materials transport

Corrosive materials	Broader Term
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Corrosive substances

Corrosive materials	Use
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Cost benefit analysis

Cost effectiveness	Related Term
Financial management	Related Term

Cost effectiveness

Financial management	Broader Term
Cost benefit analysis	Related Term

Counselling

The provision of psychological support and advice to persons involved in an accident.

Bereavement	Related Term
Communication	Related Term
Crisis intervention	Related Term
Critical incident stress	Related Term
Defusing	Related Term
Emotional support	Related Term
Post traumatic stress	Related Term
Stress, physiology	Related Term

Counter disaster management

Emergency management	Use
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Country areas

Rural areas	Use
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CPR

Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation	Non-preferred Term
Resuscitation	Broader Term

Crashes

Accidents	Use
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Creeks

Rivers	Broader Term
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Crime

Act punishable by law.

Law enforcement	Related Term
Shooting	Related Term
Vandalism	Related Term
Victims of crime	Related Term
Violence	Related Term

Crises

Times of danger and suspense.

Disasters	Related Term
Emergency management	Related Term
Crisis intervention	Narrower Term

Crisis intervention

Crises	Broader Term
Counselling	Related Term
Emotional support	Related Term

Crisis management

Emergency management	Use
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Crisis management plans

Emergency plans	Use
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Critical incident stress

An acute stress reaction caused by exposure to a traumatic event.

Critical incidents	Broader Term
Stress, physiology	Broader Term
Counselling	Related Term
Critical incident stress management	Related Term
Post traumatic stress	Related Term
Traumatic stress	Related Term

Critical incident stress debriefing

The process of ensuring the welfare of emergency service and other personnel following a potentially traumatic incident.

Debriefing	Related Term
Post traumatic stress debriefing	Related Term
Psychological debriefing	Related Term
Trauma counselling	Related Term

Critical incident stress management

Critical incident stress	Related Term
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Critical incidents

Situations faced by emergency workers that cause them to experience unusually strong emotional reactions which have the potential to interfere with their ability to function either at the scene or later.

Critical incident stress	Narrower Term
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Crops

Agriculture	Broader Term
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Crowd behaviour

Collective behaviour	Use
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Crowd control

Spectator control	Non-preferred Term
Crowds	Related Term

Crowd management

Fear	Related Term
Human behaviour	Related Term

Crowds

Collective behaviour	Related Term
Crowd control	Related Term
Crowd behaviour	Related Term
Demonstrations	Related Term
Human behaviour	Related Term
Riots	Related Term

Crown fires

Bush fires	Broader Term
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Crush injuries

Accidents, Wounds and injuries	Broader Term
Wounds and injuries	Broader Term
Crush syndrome	Narrower Term

Crush syndrome

Shock state after crush injury usually accompanied by kidney injury.

Crush injuries	Broader Term
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Cryogenic materials

Hazardous materials	Broader Term
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Customer service

Business Management	Related Term
Management	Related Term

Cyclone damage

Damage	Broader Term
Wind damage	Related Term

Cyclone forecasts

Forecasting	Broader Term
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Cyclone tracking
Tropical cyclones

Narrower Term
Narrower Term

Cyclone plans

Plans	Broader Term
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Cyclone preparedness

Cyclones	Broader Term
Preparedness	Broader Term

Cyclone surges

Storm surges	Use
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Cyclone tracking

Cyclones	Broader Term
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Cyclone warning

A message released by a tropical cyclone warning centre (TCWC) when the existence of a cyclone or a developing disturbance with potential to develop into a cyclone exists and is expected to cause at least gale force winds in the coastal areas within 24 hours.

Cyclone warning systems	Narrower Term
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Cyclone warning systems

Cyclone warning	Broader Term
Warning systems	Broader Term

Cyclones

Large scale closed circulation systems in the atmosphere with low barometric pressure and strong winds that rotate counterclockwise in the northern hemisphere and clockwise in the southern hemisphere. The system is referred to as a 'cyclone' in the Indian Ocean and South Pacific, 'hurricane' in the western Atlantic and eastern pacific and 'typhoon' in the western Pacific.

Natural disasters	Broader Term
Weather hazards	Broader Term
Barometric pressure	Related Term
Hurricanes	Related Term
Monsoons	Related Term
Tornadoes	Related Term
Typhoons	Related Term
Cyclone preparedness	Narrower Term

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Dam collapse

Dam failure Related Term

Dam failure warning systems

Dam failure Broader Term
Warning systems Broader Term

Dam failure

The uncontrolled release of the contents of dams through collapse of the dam or some part of it, or the inability of a dam to perform functions such as water supply, prevention of excessive seepage or containment of hazardous substances.

Dams Broader Term
Dam collapse Related Term
Failures Related Term
Dam failure warning systems Narrower Term

Damage assessment

(a) A report on the extent of damage caused by a damaging event.
(b) The act of making such a report.

Damage classification Narrower Term
Impact assessment Narrower Term

Damage classification

Evaluation and recording of damage to structures, facilities or objects according to categories of "severe damage", "moderate damage" and "light damage".

Damage assessment Broader Term

Damage

Harm to an inanimate object which disrupts its intended functional continuity.

Cyclone damage Narrower Term
Earthquake damage Narrower Term
Flood damage Narrower Term
Fire damage Narrower Term
Smoke damage Narrower Term
Storm damage Narrower Term
Water damage Narrower Term
Wind damage Narrower Term

Dams

Barrages Related Term
Flood dams and reservoirs Related Term
Levees Related Term
Reservoirs Related Term
Spillways Related Term
Weirs Related Term
Dam failure Narrower Term

Dangerous goods

Substances which are either specifically listed in the ADG Code or meet the classification criteria of the ADG Code.

Dangerous substances Non-preferred Term
Hazardous materials Broader Term

Dangerous substances

Dangerous goods Use

Databases

Computers Related Term

Dead bodies

Bodies Use

Death

Bereavement Narrower Term

Deaths

Bodies Related Term
Fatalities Related Term
Homicide Related Term
Morbidity rate Related Term
Mortality Related Term
Mortality rate Related Term
Drowning Narrower Term
Suicide Narrower Term

Debriefing

The process of sharing the good and bad points of the response to an incident as a means to improving any future planning and responses.

Critical incident stress
 debriefing Related Term
Defusing Related Term
Post traumatic stress
 debriefing Narrower Term

Psychological debriefing	Narrower Term
Debris	
Space debris	Narrower Term
Disaster debris	Narrower Term
Declaration of disaster	
State of disaster	Related Term
State of emergency	Related Term
Decompression chambers	
Chambers in which the pressure can be varied in which persons who have been subjected to abnormal pressure remain while returning gradually to atmospheric pressure.	
Decompression sickness	Related Term
Decompression sickness	
Atmospheric pressure	Broader Term
Decompression chambers	Related Term
Diving	Related Term
Diving injuries	Related Term
Decontamination	
The process of reducing and preventing the spread of contamination from persons and equipment used at a dangerous goods incident.	
Disinfection	Related Term
Defence forces	
Armed forces	Non-preferred Term
Military services	Non-preferred Term
Air force	Narrower Term
Army	Narrower Term
Navy	Narrower Term
Defence forces assistance	
Military aid	Non-preferred Term
Military assistance	Non-preferred Term
Military bases	Related Term
Defibrillation	
Defibrillators	Narrower Term
Defibrillators	
Defibrillation	Broader Term
Medical equipment	Broader Term

Deflagration

The chemical oxidation reaction (burning) of hydrocarbon material in which the reaction front advances into the unreacted material at less than sonic velocity.

Detonation	Related Term
Explosions	Related Term

Deforestation

The clearing or destruction of a previously forested area.

Forestry	Related Term
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Defusing

An informal opportunity for emergency workers to spontaneously interact with their fellow workers after response to an emergency to assist in removing the cause of tension from the event.

Counselling	Related Term
Debriefing	Related Term
Emotional support	Related Term

Degradation

Environmental degradation	Narrower Term
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Dehydration

Removal of water	
Heat	Related Term

Delegation of authority

Personnel management	Broader Term
Authority	Related Term

Deluge

Inundation with heavy rain.

Rain and rainfall	Broader Term
Storms	Related Term

Demography

Statistical studies of conditions of life in communities, eg. births, deaths.

Population	Related Term
Sociology	Related Term
Urbanisation	Related Term
Census	Narrower Term
Population density	Narrower Term
Population statistics	Narrower Term

Demolition

Destruction of a building or structure.

Buildings	Related Term
Levees	Related Term

Demonstrations

Crowds	Related Term
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Desalination

Salination	Related Term
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Desertification

The processes by which an already arid area becomes more barren, less capable of retaining vegetation, and progressing towards becoming a desert.

Climatic changes	Related Term
Environmental change	Related Term
Erosion	Related Term

Despatch

Dispatch	Use
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Detection systems

Alarm systems	Related Term
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Detectors

Response time	Related Term
Gas detectors	Narrower Term

Detonation

An explosion caused by the rapid chemical reaction of a substance at sonic velocity and in association with a shock wave in which the flame front moves in excess of sonic speed.

Deflagration	Related Term
Explosions	Related Term
Explosives	Related Term

Developing countries

Aid	Related Term
Disaster relief	Related Term

Diagnosis

Health risk assessment	Related Term
Patient assessment	Related Term

Dikes

Levels	Broader Term
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Directives

Policy and guidance documents.

Procedures	Related Term
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Disabled persons

Handicapped	Related Term
Intellectually handicapped persons	Related Term
Physically handicapped	Narrower Term

Disaster affected persons

People, groups or organisations that may experience benefit or harm as a result of a hazard, or of the process leading to risk characterisation, or of a decision about risk.

Affected persons	Non-preferred Term
Disaster victims	Related Term
Casualties	Related Term
Emergency affected persons	Related Term

Disaster appeals

Appeals	Broader Term
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Disaster areas

A geographical part of the State or Territory in which a state of emergency or disaster exists.

Disaster management	Related Term
Emergency areas	Related Term
Exclusion areas	Related Term

Disaster assessment

Survey of real or potential disasters to estimate actual or expected damages and to make recommendations for prevention, preparedness and response.

Assessment centres	Related Term
Monitoring	Related Term
Reconnaissance	Related Term

Disaster assistance

Disaster relief	Related Term
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Disaster communications

Communications	Broader Term
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Disaster debris		Mitigation	Broader Term
Debris	Broader Term	Hazard mitigation	Related Term
Disaster education		Disaster planning	
Community education	Related Term	Disaster plans	Related Term
Community preparedness	Related Term	Emergency management	Related Term
Public awareness	Related Term	Disaster plans	
Disaster exercises		Documented schemes of assigned responsibilities, actions and procedures, required in the event of an emergency and may be called emergency plans in some states.	
Exercises	Broader Term	Plans	Broader Term
Disaster insurance		Contingency plans	Related Term
Insurance	Broader Term	Disaster plans	Related Term
Disaster management		Emergency plans	Related Term
The body of policy and administrative decisions and operational activities which pertain to the various stages of a disaster at all levels.		Recovery plans	Related Term
Disaster areas	Related Term	Displans	Narrower Term
Disaster prevention	Related Term	Flood plans	Narrower Term
Emergency management	Related Term	Operational planning	Narrower Term
Incident management	Related Term	Local government disaster plans	Narrower Term
Movement control	Related Term	Disaster preparedness	
Remote areas	Related Term	Disaster management	Broader Term
Disaster mitigation	Narrower Term	Emergency management	Broader Term
Disaster preparedness	Narrower Term	Preparedness	Broader Term
Disaster recovery	Narrower Term	Disaster prevention	
Disaster response	Narrower Term	Regulatory and physical measures to ensure that emergencies are prevented, or there effects mitigated.	
Staging areas	Narrower Term	Disasters	Broader Term
Disaster medicine		Emergency management	Broader Term
The study and collaborative application of various health disciplines to the prevention, preparedness, response and recovery from the health problems arising from disaster.		Disaster management	Related Term
Emergency medicine	Related Term	Mitigation	Related Term
Epidemiology	Related Term	Disaster psychology	
Mass casualty management	Related Term	Psychology	Broader Term
Pre-hospital care	Related Term	Disaster victim psychology	Related Term
Triage, medicine	Related Term	Coping strategies	Narrower Term
Disaster mitigation			
Measures taken in advance of a disaster aimed at decreasing or eliminating its impact on society and environment.			
Disaster reduction	Non-preferred Term		
Disaster management	Broader Term		

Disaster recovery

The coordinated process of supporting disaster affected communities in reconstruction of the physical infrastructure and restoration of emotional, social, economic and physical well-being.

Disaster management	Broader Term
Emergency management	Broader Term
Recovery	Related Term
Disaster response	Related Term
Recovery plans	Related Term
Welfare	Related Term
Disaster recovery services	Narrower Term
Disaster relief	Narrower Term
Recovery management	Narrower Term

Disaster recovery services

Disaster recovery	Broader Term
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Disaster reduction

Disaster mitigation	Use
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Disaster relief

The provision of immediate shelter, life support and human needs of persons affected by, or responding to, an emergency.

Disaster recovery	Broader Term
Relief	Broader Term
Aid	Related Term
Developing countries	Related Term
Disaster assistance	Related Term
Disaster welfare services	Related Term
Nominated agencies	Related Term
Rehabilitation	Related Term

Disaster relief, Animal food supply

Animal food supply	Broader Term
Animals	Related Term

Disaster relief, Financial aspects

Finance	Related Term
Financial planning	Narrower Term
Financial policy	Narrower Term

Disaster research

Disasters	Broader Term
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Disaster response

Actions taken in anticipation of, and immediately after an emergency to ensure that its effects are minimised, and that people affected are given immediate relief and support.

Disaster management	Broader Term
Disaster recovery	Related Term
Emergency response	Related Term
Lead time	Related Term
Response agency	Narrower Term

Disaster victim counselling

Disaster victims	Broader Term
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Disaster victim identification

Procedures used to positively identify deceased victims of multiple-casualty emergencies.

Identification	Non-preferred Term
Victim identification	Non-preferred Term
Disaster victims	Broader Term
Casualty identification	Related Term

Disaster victim legal status

Disaster victims	Broader Term
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Disaster victim medical care

Disaster victims	Broader Term
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Disaster victim psychology

Disaster victims	Broader Term
Psychology	Broader Term
Disaster psychology	Related Term

Disaster victims

Victims	Broader Term
Disaster affected persons	Related Term
Coping strategies	Narrower Term
Disaster victim counselling	Narrower Term
Disaster victim identification	Narrower Term
Disaster victim legal status	Narrower Term
Disaster victim medical care	Narrower Term
Disaster victim psychology	Narrower Term

Disaster vulnerability

Vulnerability	Broader Term
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Disaster warnings

Warnings	Related Term
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Disaster welfare services

Welfare support	Broader Term
Disaster relief	Related Term
Personal support services	Related Term

Disasters

Conditions or situations of significant destruction, disruption and/or distress to a community.

Catastrophes	Non-preferred Term
Crises	Related Term
Emergencies	Related Term
Hazards	Related Term
Post disaster mitigation	Related Term
Post disaster operations	Related Term
State of disaster	Related Term
Biological disasters	Narrower Term
Disaster prevention	Narrower Term
Disaster research	Narrower Term
Natural disasters	Narrower Term
Oil disasters	Narrower Term
Socio-technological disasters	Narrower Term
Technological disasters	Narrower Term

Discharge

The rate of flow of water measured in terms of volume per unit time.

Floods	Related Term
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Discrimination

Racism	Related Term
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Disease control

All policies, precautions and measures taken to prevent the outbreak or spread of communicable diseases.

Diseases	Broader Term
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Disease notification

Notifiable diseases	Related Term
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Disease surveillance

Health systems used to monitor, observe and evaluate on a continuing basis the progress of disease with the view to preventing or curing it.

Diseases	Related Term
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Diseases

Blood	Related Term
Disease surveillance	Related Term
Endemic diseases	Related Term
Enteric diseases	Related Term
Epidemics	Related Term
Infections	Related Term
Infectious diseases	Related Term
Plagues	Related Term
Bird diseases	Narrower Term
Disease control	Narrower Term
Communicable diseases	Narrower Term
Morbidity	Narrower Term
Notifiable diseases	Narrower Term
Plant diseases	Narrower Term
Zoonoses	Narrower Term

Disinfection

Destruction of disease causing organisms.

Decontamination	Related Term
Sterilisation	Related Term

Dislocation

Separation of persons from home or community.

Evacuation	Related Term
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Dispatch

(a) The act of ordering attack crews and/or support units to respond to a fire, or from one place to another.

(b) The activation of emergency services and other resources to respond to requests for assistance.

Despatch	Non-preferred Term
Computer aided dispatch	Broader Term
Mobilisation	Related Term
Emergency medical dispatch	Narrower Term

Dispersing agents

Chemical formulations containing non-ionic surface active agents that lower the interfacial tension between oil and water and enable the oil film to break up more easily under the natural wave action or mechanical agitation.

Chemical spills	Related Term
Oil spills	Related Term

Dispersion

The process of dilution of a hazardous substance with the surrounding fluid.

Hazardous materials	Related Term
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Displaced persons

Persons who, for different reasons or circumstances, have been compelled to leave their homes. They may or may not reside in their country of origin, but are not legally regarded as refugees.

Evacuees	Related Term
Refugees	Related Term
Refugees health	Related Term

Displans

Disaster plans	Broader Term
Emergency plans	Related Term

Distress signals

Devices intended for signalling, warning or rescue.

Alarm systems	Related Term
Flares	Related Term

Diving

Decompression sickness	Related Term
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Diving injuries

Accidents, wounds and injuries	Broader Term
Wounds and injuries	Broader Term
Decompression sickness	Related Term

Docks

Ports	Related Term
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Domestic animals

Animals	Broader Term
Pets	Related Term

Donation management

Appeals	Related Term
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Dosimeters

Instruments for measuring and registering total accumulated exposure to ionising radiation.

Radiation	Broader Term
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Down bursts

Violent and damaging down-draught reaching the surface, associated with a severe thunderstorm.

Micro bursts	Related Term
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Drainage

Flood control	Related Term
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Drenchers

Water curtains	Related Term
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Drilling platforms

Oil well drilling rigs	Related Term
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Drilling rigs

Drilling platforms	Related Term
Gas wells	Related Term
Offshore drilling rigs	Related Term
Oil wells	Related Term

Drills

Methods of training through the repetitive execution of an action or series of actions.

Emergency drills	Related Term
Exercises	Related Term
Mock disaster training	Related Term
Simulation training	Related Term
Table top exercises	Related Term
Training	Related Term
Evacuation drills	Narrower Term
Fire drills	Narrower Term

Drinking water

Potable water	Non-preferred Term
Water	Broader Term

Drought forecasting

Drought forecasts	Related Term
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Drought forecasts

Forecasting	Broader Term
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Drought relief

Relief	Broader Term
Droughts	Related Term

Droughts

Natural disasters	Broader Term
Drought relief	Related Term
El Niño	Related Term
Famines	Related Term

Drowning

Deaths	Broader Term
Water rescue	Related Term

Drug abuse

Drugs	Broader Term
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Drugs

Medications	Related Term
Drug abuse	Narrower Term

Dust

Small solid particles that settle out under their own weight but that may remain suspended for some time.

Gases	Related Term
Vapours	Related Term
Dust explosions	Narrower Term
Dust fires	Narrower Term

Dust explosions

Dusts	Broader Term
Explosions	Broader Term

Dust fires

Dusts	Broader Term
Fires	Broader Term

Dust storms

Dust/sand energetically lifted by strong and turbulent winds.

Storms	Broader Term
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Duty of care

Negligence	Related Term
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Dwellings

Housing	Use
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E-mail

Electronic mail	Use
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Early warning systems

Warning systems	Broader Term
Flood warning systems	Related Term

Earth

Earth tremors	Related Term
Earthquakes	Related Term
Atmosphere	Narrower Term

Earth tremors

Earthquakes	Broader Term
Earth	Related Term

Earthquake damage

Damage	Broader Term
Earthquakes	Broader Term

Earthquake engineering

Earthquakes	Broader Term
Engineering	Broader Term

Earthquake hazard analysis

Earthquakes	Broader Term
Hazard analysis	Broader Term
Zonation	Related Term

Earthquake hazards

Natural hazards	Broader Term
Tsunamis	Related Term

Earthquake insurance

Earthquakes	Broader Term
Insurance	Broader Term

Earthquake intensity

A measure of ground shaking obtained from the damage done to structures built by humans, changes in the Earth's surface and felt reports.

Earthquake magnitude	Related Term
Earthquakes	Related Term

Earthquake magnitude

A quantity that is characteristic of the total energy released by an earthquake, in contrast to 'intensity' which subjectively describes earthquake effects at a particular place.

Earthquake intensity	Related Term
Earthquakes	Related Term

Earthquake prediction

Earthquakes	Broader Term
Prediction	Broader Term

Earthquake preparedness

Earthquakes	Broader Term
Preparedness	Broader Term

Earthquake resistant design

Architecture	Broader Term
Earthquakes	Broader Term

Earthquake risk

The probability of earthquakes of given magnitude occurring in a region.

Seismic risk	Non-preferred Term
Earthquakes	Broader Term

Earthquake safety

Seismic safety	Non-preferred Term
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Earthquake warning systems

Warning systems	Broader Term
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Earthquakes

The vibrations of the Earth caused by the passage of seismic waves radiating from some source of elastic energy.

Natural disasters	Broader Term
Earth	Related Term
Earthquake intensity	Related Term
Earthquake magnitude	Related Term
Liquefaction	Related Term
Richter scale	Related Term
Seismic zones	Related Term
Seismometers	Related Term
Seismology	Related Term
Tremors	Related Term
Aftershocks	Narrower Term
Earth tremors	Narrower Term

Earthquake damage	Narrower Term
Earthquake engineering	Narrower Term
Earthquake hazard analysis	Narrower Term
Earthquake prediction	Narrower Term
Earthquake resistant design	Narrower Term
Earthquake preparedness	Narrower Term
Earthquake risk	Narrower Term
Epicentre	Narrower Term
Fault, geology	Narrower Term
Insurance, earthquake	Narrower Term
Earthwork excavation	
Shafts, Evacuation	Narrower Term
Ecological risk	
Environmental risk	Broader Term
Ecology	
Environmental degradation	Related Term
Coastal ecology	Narrower Term
Ecosystems	
Interacting systems of biological communities, both plant and animal and their non-living surroundings.	
Environment	Related Term
Education	
Adult education	Related Term
Community awareness	Related Term
Community education	Related Term
Examinations	Related Term
Teaching	Related Term
Training	Related Term
Continuing education	Narrower Term
In-service training	Narrower Term
Occupational training	Narrower Term
Safety education	Narrower Term
Table top exercises	Narrower Term
Training courses	Narrower Term
Training exercises	Narrower Term
Training facilities	Narrower Term
Training needs analysis	Narrower Term
Training programs	Narrower Term
Effluents	
(a) Discharges or outflows of water from ground drainage system or subsurface storage facility.	
(b) Solid, liquid, or gas wastes which enter the environment as a by-product of man-oriented processes.	
Pollution	Related Term
Egress	
A route of travel from any point inside a building or area to a point outside the building or area.	
Access	Related Term
Escape routes	Related Term
Evacuation	Related Term
Exits	Related Term
El Niño	
An anomalous warming of ocean water resulting from the oscillation of a current in the South Pacific.	
Droughts	Related Term
Elderly persons	
Aged	Use
Electric shock	
Shock	Broader Term
Electrical appliances	
Appliances	Broader Term
Electricity	Broader Term
Electrical burns	
Electricity	Related Term
Electrocution	Related Term
Electricity	
Electrical burns	Related Term
Electrical appliances	Narrower Term
Electricity supply	Narrower Term
Electricity supply	
Electricity	Broader Term
Power supply	Broader Term
Blackouts	Narrower Term
Brownouts	Narrower Term
Power failures	Narrower Term

Electrocution

Electrical burns	Related Term
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Electronic mail

Email	Non-preferred Term
Communications	Broader Term
Electronic mail systems	Related Term
Internet	Related Term

Electronic mail systems

Bulletin boards	Non-preferred Term
Email systems	Non-preferred Term
Electronic mail	Related Term

Elevators

Lifts	Non-preferred Term
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Email systems

Electronic mail systems	Use
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Embankments

Levees	Narrower Term
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Emblems

Insignia	Related Term
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Emergencies

Events, actual or imminent, which endanger or threaten to endanger life, property or the environment, and which require a significant and coordinated response.

Disasters	Related Term
Emergency drills	Related Term
Emergency grants	Related Term
Emergency medicine	Related Term
Emergency shelters	Related Term
Emergency services	Related Term
Emergency supplies	Related Term
Food aid	Related Term
Hazards	Related Term
Medical emergencies	Related Term
Civil emergencies	Narrower Term
Emergency accommodation	Narrower Term
Emergency communications	Narrower Term
Emergency housing	Narrower Term
Emergency power supply	Narrower Term
Emergency preparedness	Narrower Term
Emergency relief	Narrower Term

Emergency vehicles	Narrower Term
Emergency response	Narrower Term
Environmental emergencies	Narrower Term
Explosions	Narrower Term

Emergency accommodation

Emergencies	Broader Term
Billeting	Related Term
Emergency housing	Related Term
Shelters	Related Term
Evacuation centres	Related Term
Temporary accommodation	Related Term

Emergency affected persons

People, other than emergency management personnel, who experience losses or injury or are affected by an emergency. Usually understood to exclude the dead.

Disaster affected persons	Related Term
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Emergency areas

An area from which it is necessary to exclude persons due to the size, nature or location of an emergency, so as to ensure public safety, security of evacuated premises, or the safety of, or prevention of obstruction, hindrance or interference to persons engaging in emergency activity.

Disaster areas	Related Term
Exclusion areas	Related Term

Emergency care

Emergency medicine	Broader Term
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Emergency communications

Communications	Broader Term
Emergencies	Broader Term

Emergency control centres

Control centres	Related Term
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Emergency coordination centres

Emergency operations centres	Use
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Emergency drills

Drills	Related Term
Emergencies	Related Term

Emergency grants

The provision of finances to affected persons as dictated by government policy, during emergency relief.

Emergency relief	Broader Term
Emergencies	Related Term
Relief payments	Related Term

Emergency housing

Emergencies	Broader Term
Emergency accommodation	Related Term
Temporary accommodation	Related Term
Temporary housing	Related Term

Emergency lighting

Lighting	Broader Term
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Emergency management

A range of measures to manage risks to communities and the environment.

Civil protection	Non-preferred Term
Counter disaster management	Non-preferred Term
Crisis management	Non-preferred Term
Conflict management	Related Term
Conflict resolution	Related Term
Crises	Related Term
Disaster management	Related Term
Emergency management measures	Related Term
Emergency response	Related Term
Logistics	Related Term
Management	Related Term
Movement control	Related Term
Registration	Related Term
Remote areas	Related Term
Disaster planning	Narrower Term
Disaster preparedness	Narrower Term
Disaster prevention	Narrower Term
Disaster recovery	Narrower Term
Staging areas	Narrower Term

Emergency management competencies

Emergency services volunteers	Related Term
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Emergency management measures

Measures encompassing the assessment, corrective and protective actions taken during the course of an emergency condition.

Emergency measures	Non-preferred Term
Emergency management	Related Term

Emergency management systems

Integrated approach - preparedness, prevention, response.

Emergency management	Broader Term
Emergency management competencies	Narrower Term

Emergency management volunteers

Emergency services volunteers	Use
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Emergency measures

Emergency management measures	Use
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Emergency medical dispatch

Dispatch	Broader Term
Computer aided dispatch	Related Term

Emergency medical personnel

Medical personnel	Broader Term
Emergency medical services	Related Term
Emergency medicine	Related Term
Emergency service personnel	Related Term
Field medical teams	Related Term

Emergency medical services

The aggregate of various resources and personnel necessary to deliver medical care to those with an unpredicted immediate need outside a hospital and continued care once in an established emergency facility.

Emergency services	Broader Term
Medical services	Broader Term
Emergency medical personnel	Related Term
Emergency medicine	Related Term
Ambulance services	Narrower Term

Emergency medical training

Emergency medicine	Related Term
Training	Broader Term

Emergency medicine

The study of emergency medical conditions and their management.

Medicine	Broader Term
Advanced life support	Related Term
Basic life support	Related Term
Disaster medicine	Related Term
Emergencies	Related Term
Emergency medical personnel	Related Term
Emergency medical services	Related Term
Emergency medical training	Related Term
Medical emergencies	Related Term
Triage (Medicine)	Related Term
Emergency care	Narrower Term
First aid	Narrower Term

Emergency operations centres

A facility or building from which emergency operations are managed.

Emergency coordination centres	Non-preferred Term
Communication centres	Broader Term
Control centres	Related Term

Emergency operations manual

A document containing specific, step-wise instructions on carrying out emergency operational procedures.

Emergency plans	Related Term
Standard operating procedures	Related Term

Emergency personnel

Ambulance officers	Related Term
Fire fighters	Related Term
Employees	Related Term
Medical personnel	Related Term
Police officers	Related Term
State Emergency Services (SES)	Related Term
Territory Emergency Services	Related Term
Emergency service personnel	Narrower Term

Emergency planning

Civil defence	Related Term
Operational Planning	Narrower Term

Emergency planning zones

Zones designated around nuclear powered warship berths and anchorages for planning purposes to assist in the identification of areas where hazards might arise.

Emergency plans	Broader Term
Zones	Broader Term

Emergency plans

An agreed set of arrangements for preventing, mitigating, preparing for, responding to and recovering from an incident or emergency, involving the definition of responsibilities, the analysis of resources and the definition of command control structures. May be called disaster plans in some states.

Crisis management plans	Non-preferred Term
Plans	Broader Term
Contingency plans	Related Term
Disaster plans	Related Term
Displans	Related Term
Emergency operations manual	Related Term
Mutual aid	Related Term
Emergency planning zone	Narrower Term
Flood plans	Narrower Term
Functional plans	Narrower Term
Inner perimeter	Narrower Term

Emergency power supply

Emergencies	Broader Term
Power supplies	Broader Term
Emergency supplies	Related Term

Emergency preparedness

Arrangements to ensure that, should an emergency occur, all those resources and services which are needed to cope with the effects can be efficiently mobilised and deployed.

Emergencies	Broader Term
Preparedness	Broader Term
Community preparedness	Narrower Term

Emergency procedures

A set of directions detailing what actions should be taken, as well as how, when, by whom and why, for specific emergency events.

Standard operating procedures	Related Term
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Emergency recovery teams

Emergency response	Broader Term
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Emergency relief

The provision of immediate life support and human needs of persons affected by, or responding to an emergency.

Emergencies	Broader Term
Relief	Broader Term
Material needs	Related Term
Emergency grants	Narrower Term
Emergency relief centres	Narrower Term

Emergency relief centres

Centres established to provide groups of persons with any or all of the services, of the function areas of Emergency Relief.

Emergency relief	Broader Term
Evacuation centres	Related Term

Emergency response

Action taken in anticipation of, during and immediately after an emergency to ensure that its effects are minimised, and that people affected are given immediate relief and support.

Emergencies	Broader Term
Response	Broader Term
Emergency coordination centre	Related Term
Disaster response	Related Term
Emergency management	Related Term
Functional areas	Related Term
Incident management	Related Term
Lead time	Related Term
Emergency recovery teams	Narrower Term
Emergency response teams	Narrower Term
Recovery management	Narrower Term
Response Agency	Narrower Term

Emergency response teams

Emergency response	Broader Term
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Emergency service personnel

Emergency personnel	Broader Term
Emergency services	Broader Term
Volunteers	Broader Term
Emergency medical personnel	Related Term
Ambulance officers	Narrower Term
Emergency services volunteers	Narrower Term
Fire fighters	Narrower Term
Paramedics	Narrower Term
Police	Narrower Term

Emergency services

Agencies responsible for the protection and preservation of life and property from harm resulting from incidents and emergencies.

Civil defence	Related Term
Emergencies	Related Term
Employees	Related Term
Public relations	Related Term
Ambulance services	Narrower Term
Emergency medical services	Narrower Term
Bush fire services	Narrower Term
Emergency service personnel	Narrower Term
Fire services	Narrower Term
Police services	Narrower Term
Welfare services	Narrower Term
Rescue services	Narrower Term

Emergency services cooperation

Cooperation	Broader Term
Partnerships	Related Term

Emergency services volunteers

Emergency management volunteers	Non-preferred Term
Emergency service personnel	Broader Term
Volunteers	Broader Term
Emergency management competencies	Related Term

Emergency shelters

Group shelters provided for affected persons in a community hall or similar. They are part of emergency relief stage and are different from temporary accommodation.

Shelters	Broader Term
Emergencies	Related Term
Evacuation centres	Related Term
Temporary housing	Related Term

Emergency supplies

The provision of resources in emergencies to response agencies, by other than their internal resource acquisition systems.

Emergencies	Related Term
Emergency power supply	Related Term

Emergency vehicles

Emergencies	Broader Term
Vehicles	Broader Term
Ambulances	Narrower Term
Fire appliances	Narrower Term
Police vehicles	Narrower Term
Rescue appliances	Narrower Term

Emergency warning systems

Alarm systems	Related Term
Flood warnings	Related Term
Natural disaster warning systems	Narrower Term

Emergency workers

Workers	Related Term
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Emotional support

Counselling	Related Term
Crisis intervention	Related Term
Defusing	Related Term
Emotions	Related Term

Emotions

Emotional support	Related Term
Fear	Narrower Term
Grief	Narrower Term

Employees

Emergency personnel	Related Term
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Emergency services

Related Term

Endemic diseases

The usual presence or prevalence of a disease in a given geographical area.

Diseases	Related Term
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Engineering

Civil engineering	Narrower Term
Earthquake engineering	Narrower Term

Enteric diseases

A general term for a variety of infectious intestinal diseases due to a number of known causes or unknown causes transmitted through various mechanisms.

Diseases	Related Term
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Entry

Access	Use
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Environment

(a) The complex of physical, chemical and biological agents which may impact on a person or the community.

(b) The air, water and earth, sometimes called the biosphere.

Ecosystems	Related Term
Environmental degradation	Narrower Term
Environmental change	Narrower Term
Environmental emergencies	Narrower Term
Environmental health	Narrower Term
Environmental movement	Narrower Term
Environmental risk	Narrower Term

Environmental change

Environment	Broader Term
Desertification	Related Term
Environmental degradation	Narrower Term

Environmental degradation

Unfavourable modification of the ecological state and environment through natural processes and/or human activities.

Environment	Broader Term
Environmental change	Broader Term
Ecology	Related Term

Environmental emergencies

Emergencies	Broader Term
Environment	Broader Term

Environmental health

The science that aims at creating the environmental conditions most conducive to health.

Environment	Broader Term
Health	Broader Term
Public health	Related Term

Environmental health officer

A term used to identify a Health Inspector/Surveyor, Public Health Officer, Sanitary Engineer, Engineer Hygiene officer and Preventative Medicine Officer.

Public health	Related Term
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Environmental impact

Air pollution	Related Term
Chemical pollutants	Related Term
Contaminated land	Related Term
Water pollution	Related Term
Environmental impact assessment	Narrower Term
Environmental impact statements	Related Term

Environmental impact assessment

Environmental impact	Broader Term
Environmental impact statements	Narrower Term

Environmental impact statements

Environmental impact	Broader Term
Environmental impact assessment	Related Term

Environmental impact studies

Studies undertaken in order to assess the effect on a specified environment of the introduction of any new factor which may upset the ecological balance.

Environmental risk	Related Term
Environmental risk assessment	Related Term

Environmental movement

Green movement	Non-preferred Term
Environment	Broader Term
Conservation movement	Related Term
Conservationists	Related Term

Environmental pollution

Pollution	Broader Term
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Environmental risk

Risks to natural ecosystems or to the beauty or amenity of the natural world.

Environment	Broader Term
Risk	Broader Term
Chemical plants	Related Term
Environmental impact studies	Related Term
Environmentally-sensitive Areas	Related Term
Ecological risk	Narrower Term
Environmental risk assessment	Narrower Term

Environmental risk assessment

Environmental impact studies	Related Term
Environmental risk	Related Term

Environmentally-sensitive areas

Environmental risk	Related Term
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Epicentre

A point on the Earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake.

Earthquakes	Broader Term
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Epidemics

Unusual increases in the number of cases of an infectious disease which already exists in an endemic state in the region or population concerned.

Diseases	Related Term
Epidemiology	Related Term
Infestation	Related Term
Plagues	Related Term

Epidemiology

The medical discipline that studies the influence of such factors as the life style, biological constitution and other personal or

social determinants on the incidence and distribution of disease.

Disaster medicine	Related Term
Epidemics	Related Term

Equipment

Machinery	Related Term
Extrication equipment	Narrower Term
Rescue equipment	Narrower Term

Erosion

Loosening or dissolving and removal of rock or soil as a result of water, ice or wind action.

Desertification	Related Term
Soil erosion	Narrower Term

Escape behaviour

Human behaviour	Related Term
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Escape routes

Access	Related Term
Egress	Related Term
Evacuation	Related Term
Exits	Related Term

Ethics

Confidentiality	Related Term
Human rights	Related Term

Evacuation

The planned relocation of persons from dangerous or potentially dangerous areas to safer areas and eventual return.

Access	Related Term
Dislocation	Related Term
Egress	Related Term
Escape routes	Related Term
Relocation	Related Term
Resettlement	Related Term
Exits	Related Term
Aeromedical evacuation	Narrower Term
Aircraft evacuation	Narrower Term
Building evacuation	Narrower Term
Bush fire evacuation	Narrower Term
Evacuation systems	Narrower Term
Mass evacuation	Narrower Term

Evacuation areas

Areas surrounding an emergency incident in which personnel and/or residents may be subject to ready removal in case of necessity.

Assembly areas	Related Term
Fire refuge areas	Related Term
Shelters	Related Term

Evacuation centres

Centres that provide affected people with basic human needs including accommodation, food and water.

Emergency relief centres	Related Term
Emergency accommodation	Related Term
Emergency shelters	Related Term
Reception centres	Related Term

Evacuation drills

Drills	Broader Term
Evacuation of civilians	Related Term
Fire Drills	Related Term

Evacuation of civilians

Evacuation drills	Related Term
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Evacuation plans

Evacuation procedures	Related Term
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Evacuation procedures

Evacuation plans	Related Term
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Evacuation systems

Evacuation	Broader Term
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Evacuees

Displaced persons	Related Term
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Event tree

The diagram produced by an incident sequence analysis.

Fault tree	Related Term
Frequency	Related Term

Events

Incidents or situations which occur in a particular place during a particular interval of time.

Incidents	Related Term
Olympic Games	Related Term
Special events	Narrower Term

Evidence

Evidence, expert	Narrower Term
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Evidence, expert

Evidence	Broader Term
Witnesses	Related Term

Examinations

Tests	Non-preferred Term
Education	Related Term
Inspections	Related Term
Testing	Related Term

Exclusion areas

Areas surrounding a particular site wherein all but authorised personnel may be prohibited.

Control areas	Related Term
Disaster areas	Related Term
Emergency areas	Related Term
Restricted areas	Related Term

Exercise

Realistically planned simulations of an incident, designed and coordinated in such a manner that the response of the emergency organisation and other personnel closely approximates the response to the actual incident.

Drills	Related Term
Fire drills	Related Term
Mock disaster training	Related Term
Simulation methods	Related Term
Disaster exercises	Narrower Term
Table top exercises	Narrower Term
Training exercises	Narrower Term

Exits

Egress	Related Term
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Exotic animal diseases

Diseases affecting animals, which may include man, which do not presently occur in Australia.

Animal diseases	Broader Term
Animals	Related Term
Quarantine	Related Term
Vectors	Related Term
Zoonoses	Related Term

Expert evidence

Expert witnesses	Non-preferred Term
Witness	Related Term
Evidence	Broader Term

Expert witnesses

Expert evidence	Use
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Explosion overpressure

Overpressure	Use
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Explosions

Sudden release of large amounts of energy in a destructive manner at a velocity of a few metres per second.

Emergencies	Broader Term
Deflagration	Related Term
Detonation	Related Term
Explosives	Related Term
Ignition	Related Term
Aircraft explosions	Narrower Term
BLEVE	Narrower Term
Dust explosions	Narrower Term
Gas explosions	Narrower Term
Nuclear explosions	Narrower Term

Explosives

Substances, whether or not contained in a device specially prepared, which are manufactured with a view to producing a practical effect by explosion or a pyrotechnic effect, or any other substance which, by reason of the nature of its explosive properties is to be treated as such.

Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Blasts	Related Term
Bombs	Related Term
Detonation	Related Term
Explosions	Related Term

Explosives transportation	Narrower Term
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Explosives transportation

Explosives	Broader Term
Hazardous materials transportation	Related Term

Exposure hazard

The risk of fire spreading from a building, structure or other property to a nearby building or structure, or other part of the same building or structure, by radiated heat across the intervening space.

Exposure, Medical radiographic	Broader Term
Radiant heat	Related Term

Exposure, Medical radiographic

(a) The circumstances of being exposed to radiation

(b) Defined dosimetric quantity now no longer used for radiation protection purposes.

Exposure hazard	Narrower Term
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Extinguishants

Halon	Narrower Term
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Extinguishing systems

Response time	Related Term
Fire sprinklers	Narrower Term

Extrication

Confined space rescue	Related Term
Immobilisation	Related Term
Motor vehicle rescue	Related Term
Rescue operations	Related Term
Extrication equipment	Narrower Term

Extrication equipment

Equipment	Broader Term
Extrication	Broader Term

F

Facilities management

Buildings Broader Term

Factories

Buildings Broader Term
Industrial buildings Related Term
Arms factories Narrower Term

Factors

Risk factors Narrower Term
Structural factors Narrower Term
Time factors Narrower Term

Fail safe

A failure mode where hazardous or otherwise harmful effects are minimal.

Failures Broader Term

Failure rate

The frequency with which a component, equipment or system fails.

Failures Broader Term

Failures

Conditions of a component, equipment or system, in which the design intention is not met.

Bridge failures Related Term
Building failures Related Term
Dam failures Related Term
Fail safe Narrower Term
Failure rate Narrower Term
Systems failure Narrower Term

Fallout shelters

Radioactive, fallout Broader Term
Shelters Broader Term

Famines

Catastrophic food shortages, affecting large numbers of people due to climatic environmental and socio-economic reasons.

Droughts Related Term

Farming

Agriculture Use

Farms

Agricultural industry Broader Term

Fatalities

Casualties Related Term
Deaths Related Term
Investigations Related Term
Victims Related Term

Fatigue

Stress, Physiology Related Term

Fault, Geology

A fracture or zone of fractures in rock along which the two sides have been displaced relative to each other parallel to the fracture.

Earthquakes Broader Term

Fault tree

The logic diagram used in fault tree analysis, that traces an undesirable event back to its cause or causes.

Event tree Related Term
Frequency Related Term
Fault tree analysis Narrower Term

Fault tree analysis

A systems engineering method for representing the logical combinations of various system states and possible causes which can contribute to a specified event (called the 'top event').

Fault tree Broader Term

Fauna

Animals Use

Fear

Emotions Broader Term
Human behaviour Broader Term
Crowd management Related Term
Panic Related Term

Fee for service

Finance Broader Term

Ferries

Ships	Broader Term
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Field medical teams

Teams of experienced doctors and nurses, usually sent from a hospital, to provide on-site assessment and emergency treatment of casualties prior to transfer. One member of each team is appointed Medical Team Leader.

Emergency medical personnel	Related Term
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Finance

Funding	Non-preferred Term
Disaster relief	
- financial aspects	Related Term
Fund Raising	Related Term
Management	Related Term
Fee for service	Narrower Term
Financial institutions	Narrower Term
Fire levies	Narrower Term
Financial management	Narrower Term
Financial planning	Narrower Term
Financial policy	Narrower Term

Financial institutions

Banks and Banking	Non-preferred Term
Finance	Broader Term

Financial management

Finance	Broader Term
Cost benefit analysis	Related Term
Cost effectiveness	Narrower Term

Financial planning

Disaster relief,	
financial aspects	Broader Term
Finance	Broader Term

Financial policy

Disaster relief -	
financial aspects	Broader Term
Finance	Broader Term

Fire

Flames	Related Term
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Fire alarms

Components and apparatus for giving an audible, visible, or other perceptible alarm of fire, and which may also initiate other action.

Fire detectors	Non-preferred Term
Alarm systems	Broader Term
Fires	Related Term

Fire appliances

A generic term used to describe any fire fighting vehicle or specialist vehicle used by fire services to combat fires or other emergencies.

Fire engines	Non-preferred Term
Appliances	Broader Term
Emergency vehicles	Broader Term
Fire boats	Related Term
Rescue appliances	Related Term
Aerial appliances	Narrower Term
Airport fire appliances	Narrower Term

Fire bans

Fire restrictions	Broader Term
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Fire boats

Powered vessels equipped for fighting fires.

Boats and boating	Broader Term
Fire appliances	Related Term

Fire breaks

Any natural or constructed discontinuity in a fuel bed used to congregate, stop and control the spread of a wildfire, or to provide a fireline from which to suppress a fire.

Fires	Broader Term
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Fire brigades

Fire services	Use
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Fire codes

Building codes	Use
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Fire control

Back burn	Narrower Term
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Fire cover

The standard of response to a fire in a particular area. "Standards of Fire Cover".

Response	Related Term
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Fire damage

Damage	Broader Term
Fires	Related Term
Bush fire damage	Narrower Term
Smoke damage	Narrower Term

Fire danger period

Fire hazards	Related Term
Fire weather	Related Term

Fire departments

Fire services	Use
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Fire detectors

Fire alarms	Use
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Fire drills

Practice drills for fire fighters and occupants of a site to accustom them to their duties in case of a fire.

Drills	Broader Term
Evacuation drills	Related Term
Exercises	Related Term
Training	Related Term

Fire engines

Fire appliances	Use
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Fire fighters

People whose activity or employment is to extinguish fires; members of fire services.

Emergency service personnel	Broader Term
Emergency personnel	Related Term
Bush fire fighters	Narrower Term

Fire fighting

Fire fighting operations	Use
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Fire fighting operations

Fire fighting	Non-preferred Term
Fire fighting techniques	Non-preferred Term
Fires	Broader Term
Foam	Related Term
Infrared cameras	Related Term
Urban fire detection	Related Term

Fire fighting techniques

Fire fighting operations	Use
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Fire hazards

Any fuel which if ignited, may be difficult to extinguish.

Hazards	Broader Term
Fires	Related Term
Fire risk	Related Term
Fire danger periods	Related Term
Fire load	Narrower Term

Fire incident reporting systems

Incident reporting systems	Use
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Fire insurance

Fires	Broader Term
Insurance	Broader Term

Fire investigation

Arson	Related Term
Fires	Related Term

Fire levies

Finance	Broader Term
Fire services	Related Term

Fire load

The total amount of combustible material expressed in heat units.

Fire hazards	Broader Term
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Fire prevention

All pre-fire activities designed to reduce fuel quantities, remove known hazards, and prepare properties for the possibility of fires occurring so that the fire development and spread is minimised and property damage is mitigated.

Fire protection	Related Term
Fires	Related Term

Fire protection

Provisions made to detect, suppress or limit the spread of fires and particularly design features of buildings aimed at limiting the spread of fire from the area of origin.

Fires	Broader Term
Fire prevention	Related Term
Legislation	Related Term
Liability	Related Term
Standards	Related Term

Fire refuge areas

Areas which people may seek shelter from the danger of fire.

Fire shelters	Non-preferred Term
Refuge fire shelters	Non-preferred Term
Assembly areas	Related Term
Evacuation areas	Related Term

Fire reporting systems

Accident reporting systems	Use
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Fire restrictions

Fire bans	Narrower Term
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Fire risk

(a) A building, structure or object considered especially likely to catch fire, or one which would be especially unsafe in a fire.

(b) The risk of loss by fire.

(c) The obligation of an insurer to cover the loss caused.

Fire hazards	Related Term
Fuel load	Narrower Term

Fire services

Fire brigades	Non-preferred Term
Fire departments	Non-preferred Term
Emergency services	Broader Term
Collocation	Related Term
Fire levies	Related Term
Airport fire services	Narrower Term

Fire shelters

Fire refuge areas	Use
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Fire sprinklers

Extinguishing system	Broader Term
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Fire stations

Buildings	Broader Term
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Fire storms

Large, rapidly-developing fires covering a large area, characterised by an air system of great power and velocity.

Fires	Broader Term
Storms	Broader Term
Conflagrations	Related Term

Fire towers

Lookouts in the bush for detecting bush fires.

Buildings	Broader Term
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Fire wardens

Wardens	Use
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Fire weather

Fire danger period	Related Term
Weather	Related Term

Fireballs

Balls of flaming gas.

Fires	Broader Term
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Fires

Natural disasters	Broader Term
Accelerants	Related Term
Fire alarms	Related Term
Fire damage	Related Term
Fire hazards	Related Term
Fire investigation	Related Term
Aircraft fires	Narrower Term
Arson	Narrower Term
Bush fires	Narrower Term
Cargo ship fires	Narrower Term
Dust fires	Narrower Term
Fire balls	Narrower Term
Fire breaks	Narrower Term
Fire fighting operations	Narrower Term
Fire insurance	Narrower Term
Fire protection	Narrower Term
Fire storms	Narrower Term
Forest fires	Narrower Term
Grass fires	Narrower Term
Interface fires	Narrower Term
Liquefied petroleum gas fires	Narrower Term
Metal fires	Narrower Term
Spot fires	Narrower Term
Tanker ship fires	Narrower Term
Wildfires	Narrower Term

Fireworks

Pyrotechnics	Non-preferred Term
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First aid

Immediate and temporary care given on site to the victims of an accident or sudden illness in order to avert complications, lessen suffering and sustain the person until competent services or a physician can be obtained.

Emergency medicine	Broader Term
Accidents, wounds and injuries	Related Term
Advanced life support	Related Term
Basic life support	Related Term
Triage, medicine	Related Term
Wound and injuries	Related Term

First aid post

Casualty clearing stations	Related Term
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Flames

Fire	Related Term
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Flammable gases

Hazardous materials	Related Term
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Flammable liquids

Liquids which are capable of being ignited and burning in air and which meet the criteria of the ADG Code.

Combustible liquids	Related Term
Flammable materials storage	Related Term
Hazardous materials	Related Term
Liquid fuels	Related Term

Flammable materials

Flammable solids	Non-preferred Term
Flammable substances	Non-preferred Term
Inflammable materials	Non-preferred Term
Combustible materials	Related Term
Hazardous materials	Related Term
Petrochemicals	Related Term

Flammable materials storage

Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Flammable liquids	Related Term
Hazardous materials storage	Related Term

Flammable materials transport

Hazardous materials transportation	Broader Term
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Flammable solids

Flammable materials	Use
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Flammable substances

Flammable materials	Use
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Flares

Distress signals	Related Term
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Flash floods

Floods of short duration with a relatively high peak discharge with no advance warning.

Floods	Broader Term
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Flood boats

Vessels used for rescue, evacuation and resupply purposes.

Boats and boating	Related Term
Flood rescue	Related Term

Flood bulletins

Flood warnings	Broader Term
Flood height	Related Term
Flood levels	Related Term
Flood stage	Related Term

Flood control

The management of water resources through construction of dams, reservoirs, embankments, etc. to avoid floods.

Drainage	Related Term
Flood hydrograph	Related Term
Flood mitigation	Related Term
Floods	Related Term
Levees	Related Term

Flood damage

The tangible and intangible costs of flooding.

Damage	Broader Term
Flood levels	Related Term
Flood loss	Related Term
Floods	Related Term
Water damage	Related Term

Flood dams and reservoirs

Reservoirs	Broader Term
Bunds	Related Term
Dams	Related Term

Floods	Related Term		
Flood forecasts		Flood levels	
Prediction of the stage, discharge, beginning and duration of a flood, especially of the peak discharge at a specific point on a stream resulting from precipitation and/or snow melt.		Flood bulletins	Related Term
Flood forecasts	Related Term	Flood damage	Related Term
Flood predictions	Related Term	Flood gauge	Related Term
Flood warnings	Related Term	Flood height	Related Term
Floods	Related Term	Flood stage	Related Term
Forecasting	Related Term		
Flood frequency analysis		Flood loss	
Floods	Related Term	Flood damage	Related Term
		Flood insurance	Related Term
Flood frequency curve		Flood mitigation	
A graphical representation of the relationship between peak flood discharge and exceedance probability.		Flood control	Related Term
Floods	Related Term	Flood plans	Related Term
		Floodplain management	Related Term
		Floodplain zoning	Related Term
		Floods	Related Term
		Mitigation	Broader Term
Flood frequency distribution		Flood plans	
Floods	Related Term	Plans	Broader Term
		Disaster plans	Related Term
		Emergency plans	Related Term
		Flood mitigation	Related Term
Flood gauge		Flood predictions	
Flood levels	Related Term	Prediction	Broader Term
		Flood forecasts	Related Term
Flood height		Flood proofing	
Flood bulletins	Related Term	A combination of measures incorporated in the design, construction and alteration of individual buildings or structures subject to flooding, to reduce or eliminate flood damages.	
Flood levels	Related Term	Buildings	Related Term
Flood stage	Related Term		
Floods	Related Term	Flood reports	
		Floods	Broader Term
Flood hydrograph		Flood rescue	
A graphical representation of the flood discharge with respect to time for a particular point on a stream or river.		Rescue operations	Broader Term
Flood control	Related Term	Flood boats	Related Term
Hydrograph	Related Term		
Flood insurance			
Insurance	Broader Term		
Flood loss	Related Term		
Floods	Related Term		

Flood stage

That stage, on a fixed river gauge, at which the overflow of the natural banks of a stream begins to cause damage in any portion of the reach for which the gauge is used as an index.

Flood bulletins	Related Term
Flood height	Related Term
Flood levels	Related Term
Floods	Related Term

Flood warning systems

Warning systems	Broader Term
Early warning systems	Related Term
Floods	Related Term

Flood warnings

Statements by the Bureau of Meteorology including all or part of the following terms for particular catchments:

- (a) A summary of the current meteorological situation and expected developments
- (b) A summary of the rainfall which has occurred or is expected
- (c) River heights at key locations
- (d) The class of flooding that is expected; and/or
- (e) River heights.

Warning systems	Broader Term
Warnings	Broader Term
Emergency warning systems	Related Term
Flood forecasts	Related Term
Floods	Related Term
Flood bulletins	Narrower Term
Preliminary flood warning	Narrower Term

Floodgates

Floods	Related Term
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Floodplain management

Techniques available to reduce flood damage and disruption

Floodplains	Broader Term
Flood mitigation	Related Term
Floods	Related Term

Floodplain zoning

A plan that defines the main zones of a potential flood area.

Floodplains	Broader Term
Flood mitigation	Related Term

Floodplains

The land which may be covered by water when the river overflows its banks during floods.

Floods	Related Term
Floodplain management	Narrower Term
Floodplain zoning	Narrower Term

Floods

The overflowing by water of the normal confines of a stream or other body of water, or the accumulation of water by drainage over areas which are not normally submerged.

Natural disasters	Broader Term
Discharge	Related Term
Flood control	Related Term
Flood damage	Related Term
Flood dams and reservoirs	Related Term
Flood forecasts	Related Term
Flood frequency analysis	Related Term
Flood frequency curve	Related Term
Flood frequency distribution	Related Term
Flood height	Related Term
Flood mitigation	Related Term
Flood insurance	Related Term
Flood stage	Related Term
Flood warning systems	Related Term
Flood warnings	Related Term
Floodgates	Related Term
Floodplain management	Related Term
Floodplains	Related Term
Hydrology	Related Term
Runoff	Related Term
Flood reports	Narrower Term
Flash floods	Narrower Term

Foam

(a) A stable aggregation of small bubbles, whose properties are such that the foam may be used as a flame-smothering blanket, or to prevent the entry of air, or to suppress vapour

(b) A fire extinguishing medium consisting of a mass of stable bubbles formed in a liquid by chemical or other mechanical means.

Fire fighting operations Related Term

Fog

Weather hazards Broader Term

FOI

Freedom of Information Use

Food

Food adulteration and inspection Related Term

Food contamination Related Term

Food hazards Related Term

Food poisoning Related Term

Food shortages Related Term

Food supplies Related Term

Food adulteration and inspection

Food Inspection Non-preferred Term

Food Related Term

Food contamination Related Term

Food surveillance Related Term

Food aid

Assistance rendered on an organised basis, either free or on concessional terms, to provide food to a population group, community or country suffering from food shortage or insufficient development.

Food relief Non-preferred Term

Emergencies Related Term

Food supplies Related Term

Nutrition Related Term

Relief Related Term

Food contamination

Food Related Term

Food adulteration and inspection Related Term

Food hazards

Food Related Term

Food inspection

Food adulteration and inspection Use

Food poisoning

Poisoning Broader Term

Food Related Term

Food relief

Food aid Use

Food shortages

Food Related Term

Food supplies Related Term

Food supplies

Food Related Term

Food aid Related Term

Food shortages Related Term

Food surveillance

Food adulteration and inspection Related Term

Forecasting

Statements or statistical estimates of the occurrence of a future event.

Flood forecasts Related Term

Prediction Related Term

Cyclone forecasts Narrower Term

Drought forecasts Narrower Term

Long-range weather forecasting Narrower Term

Tsunami warning systems Narrower Term

Weather forecasts Narrower Term

Foreign aid

International relief Narrower Term

Forensic dentistry

Forensic odontology Non-preferred Term

Forensic medicine

Autopsy Narrower Term

Forensic odontology			Frostbite		
Forensic dentistry	Use		Frost	Broader Term	
Forensic sciences			Fuel depots		
Autopsies	Narrower Term		Service stations	Related Term	
Forest fires			Fuel load		
Fires burning mainly in forest or woodland.			The amount of fuel available to burn (depends on the type of vegetation, how much of it there is, its 'fineness' and its moisture content).		
Bush fires	Broader Term		Fire risk	Broader Term	
Fires	Broader Term		Fuel reduction		
Forest management			The process of removing a fire hazard to reduce its chance of ignition, such as controlled burning.		
Forests	Broader Term		Controlled burning	Related Term	
Forestry			Fuels	Related Term	
Deforestation	Related Term		Prescribed burning	Related Term	
Trees	Related Term		Hazard reduction	Related Term	
Forests			Fuel storage		
Wilderness areas	Related Term		Fuel storage tanks	Related Term	
Rainforest management	Narrower Term		Fuel storage tanks		
Rainforests	Narrower Term		Fuel storage	Related Term	
Freedom of Information			Fuels	Related Term	
FOI	Non-preferred Term		Storage tanks	Related Term	
Management	Related Term		Fuel transport		
Freeways			Transportation	Broader Term	
Motorways	Non-preferred Term		Fuels	Related Term	
Roads	Broader Term		Fuels		
Highways	Related Term		Fuel reduction	Related Term	
Frequency			Fuel storage	Related Term	
A measure of likelihood expressed as the number of occurrences of an event in a given time.			Fuel storage tanks	Related Term	
Event tree	Related Term		Fuel transport	Related Term	
Fault tree	Related Term		Refuelling	Related Term	
Related Term	Related Term		Liquid fuels	Narrower Term	
Frequency analysis			Solar energy	Narrower Term	
Probability analysis	Use		Full protective clothing		
Frost			Protective clothing	Use	
Weather hazards	Broader Term				
Frostbite	Narrower Term				

Fumes

(a) Any smoke-like or vaporous exhalations from matter or substances

(b) Airborne solid particles formed when the material from a volatilised solid condenses in cool air.

Gases	Related Term
Vapours	Related Term

Functional areas

The categorisation of services required for emergency relief for the purposes of allocating responsibility to nominated agencies. These are catering, community organisations, emergency accommodation, emergency grants, counselling and temporary accommodation, material needs, registration.

Emergency response	Related Term
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Functional plans

Documents describing roles/responsibilities and arrangements for the performance of a key response or recovery function. They are in support of the main plan.

Emergency plans	Broader Term
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Fund raising

Funding	Related Term
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Funding

Finance	Use
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Fungicides

Pesticides	Related Term
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Fusion

Hydrogen bombs	Related Term
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G**Gales**

Winds with a speed between 34 and 40 knots.

Winds	Broader Term
Storms	Related Term

Gaols

Prisons	Use
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Gas, Natural

Natural gas	Use
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Gas detectors

A detector which responds to, and will give warning of, a predetermined concentration of a particular gas.

Detectors	Broader Term
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Gas explosions

Explosions	Broader Term
Liquefied petroleum gas explosions	Narrower Term

Gas industry

Industries	Broader Term
Chemical industry	Related Term
Offshore gas industry	Related Term

Gas pipelines

Pipelines	Broader Term
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Gas wells

Offshore structures	Related Term
Oil well drilling rigs	Related Term

Gases

(a) Substances consisting of atoms and molecules which are sufficiently mobile for it to occupy the whole space in which it is contained.

(b) Formless fluids that expand to occupy the space or enclosure in which they are confined.

(c) Molecular dispersion of material in air.

Dust	Related Term
Fumes	Related Term
Smoke	Related Term
Vapours	Related Term
Compressed air	Narrower Term
Liquefied petroleum gas	Narrower Term
Natural gas	Narrower Term

Geographic Information Systems

Computerised databases for the capture, storage, analysis and display of locationally-defined information.

Computer programs	Broader Term
Information systems	Broader Term
Aerial photography	Related Term
Mapping	Related Term
Photography	Related Term
Remote sensing	Related Term

Geological hazards

Natural hazards	Broader Term
Avalanches	Narrower Term
Landslides	Narrower Term
Mud flows	Narrower Term

Gesture

Nonverbal communication	Related Term
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Glaciers

Rivers	Related Term
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Global Positioning System

Microprocessors which can receive signals and use this information to locate themselves at any point on the surface of the planet.

Computer programs	Broader Term
Automatic vehicle location	Related Term
Satellites	Related Term

Global temperature changes

Global warming	Related Term
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Global warming

Climatic changes	Related Term
Global temperature changes	Related Term
Greenhouse effect,	
Atmospheric	Related Term
Ozone depletion	Related Term
Sea level rise	Related Term

Government agencies

(a) Any body corporate or un-incorporate constituted by or under any Act for a public purpose; and

(b) Any member or officer of such a body

(c) Any persons in the service of the Crown upon whom any function, power, duty or responsibility is conferred by or under the Act.

Organisations	Broader Term
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Grandstands

Sports grounds	Related Term
Stadiums	Related Term

Grass fires

A fire in predominantly grass vegetation.

Fires	Broader Term
Wildfires	Broader Term
Bush fires	Related Term
Grasslands	Related Term
Ground cover fires	Related Term

Grasslands

Grass fires	Related Term
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Green movement

Environmental movement	Use
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Greenhouse effect, Atmospheric

The increase in temperature in a greenhouse caused by the radiant heat from the sun passing through the glass, while heat within the greenhouse is trapped there by the glass.

Climatic changes	Related Term
Global warming	Related Term
Solar radiation	Related Term

Grid reference

A group of numbers that describes a point on a map using a given map grid system.

Map reading	Broader Term
Maps	Broader Term

Grief

Emotions	Broader Term
Bereavement	Related Term

Grief counselling

Bereavement	Related Term
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Grievance procedures

Industrial relations	Related Term
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Ground cover fires

Grass fires	Related Term
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Ground water

Water present below the soil surface and occupying voids in the porous subsoil.

Pollution management	Related Term
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Group risk

Societal risk	Related Term
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Group think

Communication	Related Term
Management	Related Term

Gusts

Sudden, brief increase of the wind speed over its mean value.

Winds	Related Term
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H**Hail storms**

Storms	Broader Term
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Halon

An abbreviation for halogenated hydrocarbon and an acknowledged term used to describe an inert gaseous extinguishing agent.

Extinguishants	Broader Term
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Ham radio

Ham radio network	Related Term
Ham radio operators	Narrower Term

Ham radio network

The international amateur radio network, frequently a valuable contribution by the community to disaster response.

Ham radio	Related Term
Ham radio operators	Related Term

Ham radio operators

Ham radio	Broader Term
Radio operators	Broader Term
Ham radio network	Related Term

Handicapped

Handicapped persons	Non-preferred Term
Disabled person	Related Term

Handicapped persons

Handicapped	Use
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Harbours

Ports	Use
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Harmful substances

Hazardous materials	Use
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Hazard analysis

That part of the overall planning process which identifies and describes hazards and their effects upon the community.

Hazards	Broader Term
Hazard identification	Related Term

Earthquake hazard analysis	Narrower Term
Hazard and operability study	
Hazards	Broader Term
Hazard assessment	
Hazards	Broader Term
Vulnerability assessment	Related Term
Hazard audits	
Detailed and comprehensive reviews of all operational and organisational safety systems and practises.	
Safety audits	Non-preferred Term
Risk analysis	Related Term
Hazard characteristics	
Parts of the hazard analysis process in which the hazards relevant to a given locality or are described.	
Hazards	Broader Term
Hazard identification	
The process of recognising that a hazard exists and defining its characteristics.	
Hazards	Broader Term
Hazard analysis	Related Term
Hazard management	
Management strategies to reduce the impact of hazards on the community.	
Hazards	Broader Term
Incident management	Related Term
Hazard mapping	
The process of establishing geographically where and to what extent particular phenomena are likely to pose a threat to people, property, infrastructure, and economic activities.	
Mapping	Related Term
Hazard mitigation	
Measures taken to reduce the impact of hazards on a community.	
Hazards	Broader Term
Disaster mitigation	Related Term
Hazard perception	
Hazards	Broader Term

Hazard reduction

Controlled burning	Related Term
Fuel reduction	Related Term
Prescribed burning	Related Term

Hazard zone

An area over which the risks from hazardous activities are significant.

Hazards	Broader Term
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Hazardous materials

Substances or materials which have been determined by an appropriate authority to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety and property.

Harmful substances	Non-preferred Term
Hazardous substances	Non-preferred Term
Dispersion	Related Term
Flammable gases	Related Term
Flammable liquids	Related Term
Flammable materials	Related Term
Hazardous materials storage	Related Term
Infectious materials	Related Term
Land mines	Related Term
Noxious substance	Related Term
Ammunition	Narrower Term
Biological hazards	Narrower Term
Carcinogens	Narrower Term
Chemical hazards	Narrower Term
Chemicals	Narrower Term
Combustible materials	Narrower Term
Corrosive materials	Narrower Term
Cryogenic materials	Narrower Term
Dangerous goods	Narrower Term
Explosives	Narrower Term
Flammable materials storage	Narrower Term
Poisons	Narrower Term
Radioactive materials	Narrower Term
Radioactive wastes	Narrower Term
Toxic materials	Narrower Term

Hazardous materials spills

Hazardous substances	
spills	Non-preferred Term
Spills	Broader Term

Hazardous materials standards

Hazardous substance standards	Non-preferred Term
Standards	Broader Term

Hazardous materials storage

Hazardous substances storage	Non-preferred Term
Storage	Broader Term
Flammable materials	Related Term
Hazardous materials	Related Term
Ammunition dumps	Narrower Term
Liquefied petroleum gas storage	Narrower Term

Hazardous materials transportation

Explosives transportation	Related Term
Chemical carriers (tankers)	Narrower Term
Flammable materials transport	Narrower Term
Liquefied petroleum gas transportation	Narrower Term
Radioactive materials transportation	Narrower Term

Hazardous substances

Hazardous materials	Use
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Hazardous substances spills

Hazardous materials spills	Use
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Hazardous substances standards

Hazardous materials standards	Use
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Hazardous substances storage

Hazardous materials storage	Use
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Hazardous waste sites

Hazardous wastes	Related Term
Incineration	Related Term
Hazardous wastes sites location	Narrower Term

Hazardous waste sites location

Hazardous wastes sites	Broader Term
Hazardous wastes	Related Term

Hazardous waste transportation

Hazardous wastes	Related Term
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Hazardous wastes

Waste materials or mixtures of waste which require special handling and disposal because of their potential to damage health and the environment.

Toxic wastes	Non-preferred Term
Hazardous waste sites	Related Term
Hazardous waste sites location	Related Term
Hazardous waste transportation	Related Term
Medical wastes	Related Term
Hazardous wastes sites leaching	Narrower Term

Hazardous wastes sites leaching

Hazardous wastes	Broader Term
Hazardous wastes sites	Broader Term

Hazards

Situations with a potential for harm to life, health or property, damage to the environment or some combination of these.

Chemical plants	Related Term
Disasters	Related Term
Emergencies	Related Term
Asbestos hazards	Narrower Term
Biological hazards	Narrower Term
Chemical hazards	Narrower Term
Fire hazards	Narrower Term
Hazard analysis	Narrower Term
Hazard and operability study	Narrower Term
Hazard assessment	Narrower Term
Hazard identification	Narrower Term
Hazard characteristics	Narrower Term
Hazard management	Narrower Term
Hazard mitigation	Narrower Term
Hazard perception	Narrower Term
Hazard zone	Narrower Term
Health hazards	Narrower Term
Major hazards	Narrower Term
Secondary hazards	Narrower Term
Technological hazards	Narrower Term
Threats, Psychology	Narrower Term

Health

The state of complete physical, mental and social well being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.

Environmental health	Narrower Term
Hygiene	Narrower Term
Mental health	Narrower Term
Public health	Narrower Term

Health care

Medical care	Related Term
Nursing	Related Term
Health care facilities	Narrower Term

Health care facilities

Hospitals, nursing homes or other facilities which provide health care services to in-patients, out-patients or day patients.

Health care	Broader Term
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Health hazards

Hazards	Broader Term
Industrial hazards	Related Term
Industrial hygiene	Related Term

Health personnel

Medical personnel	Use
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Health risk assessment

Diagnosis	Related Term
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Health services

Medical care	Related Term
Hospital services	Narrower Term
Public health services	Narrower Term

Heat

Dehydration	Related Term
Heatwaves	Narrower Term
Radiant heat	Narrower Term

Heat stress

Stress, physiology	Broader Term
Body temperature	Related Term
Heatstroke	Related Term

Heat waves

Long lasting periods with extremely high surface temperatures.

Heat	Broader Term
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Heatstroke

Heat stress	Related Term
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Heavy vehicle safety

Road safety	Broader Term
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Helicopters

Aircraft	Broader Term
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Heliports

Airports	Broader Term
Airport terminals	Related Term

Herbicides

Pesticides	Broader Term
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High rise buildings

Buildings	Broader Term
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Highways

Roads	Broader Term
Freeways	Related Term

Hijacking

Hostages	Related Term
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HIV

Human immunodeficiency syndrome	Non-preferred Term
Communicable diseases	Broader Term
AIDS	Related Term

HIV infections

AIDS	Related Term
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Homicide

Deaths	Related Term
Mass murder	Related Term

Hospital emergency departments

Hospitals	Broader Term
Medical services	Related Term

Hospital emergency services

Medical services	Related Term
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Hospital services

Health services	Broader Term
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Hospitals

Buildings	Broader Term
Operating theatres	Related Term
Hospital emergency departments	Narrower Term

Hostage negotiations

Hostages	Broader Term
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Hostages

Hijacking	Related Term
Sieges	Related Term
Hostage negotiations	Narrower Term

Hot air balloons

Balloons	Broader Term
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Hotels

Motels	Non-preferred Term
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Housing

Dwellings	Non-preferred Term
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Human behaviour

Psychology	Broader Term
Crowd management	Related Term
Crowds	Related Term
Escape behaviour	Related Term
Psychiatric emergencies	Related Term
Psychiatry	Related Term
Stress, physiology	Related Term
Claustrophobia	Narrower Term
Collective behaviour	Narrower Term
Fear	Narrower Term
Panic	Narrower Term

Human immunodeficiency syndrome

Human immunodeficiency virus	Use
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Human immunodeficiency virus

HIV	Use
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Human resources

Management	Related Term
Personnel	Narrower Term

Human resources management

Manpower	Non-preferred Term
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Human rights

Confidentiality	Related Term
Ethics	Related Term

Hurricane plans

Plans	Broader Term
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Hurricanes

A term used in the United States and the Atlantic region covering (a) Violent tropical cyclonic storm (b) Storm of the most intense severity.

Natural disasters	Broader Term
Weather hazards	Broader Term
Cyclones	Related Term
Monsoons	Related Term
Tornadoes	Related Term
Typhoons	Related Term

Hydro-electric power stations

Power stations	Broader Term
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Hydrogen bombs

Bombs	Broader Term
Fusion	Related Term

Hydrography

A graph showing the seasonal change in the level, flow or velocity of water in a channel, reservoir or the like.

Flood hydrograph	Related Term
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Hydrological survey

Hydrology	Broader Term
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Hydrology

The study of the rainfall-runoff process as it relates to the development of flooding and the derivation of hydrographics at different locations in a river system for given floods.

Floods	Related Term
Hydrology	Related Term
Water table	Related Term
Hydrological survey	Narrower Term

Hygiene

Health	Broader Term
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Hyperbaric chambers

Atmospheric pressure	Related Term
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Hypothermia

Having a body temperature below normal.

Body temperature	Related Term
Cold	Related Term

Hysteria

Panic	Use
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Ice storm

Intense formation of ice on objects by the freezing, on impact, of rain or drizzle.

Storms	Broader Term
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Identification

Disaster victim identification	Use
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Identification codes

Codes	Broader Term
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Ignition

Setting fire to or being set fire to.

Explosions	Related Term
Spontaneous ignition	Narrower Term

Immobilisation

Cervical collars	Related Term
Extrication	Related Term
Physical restraints	Related Term
Spinal cord injuries	Related Term
Spineboards	Related Term

Immunisation

Rendering a person or animal immune to certain infections by the process of injecting either antigen or a serum containing specific antibodies.

Communicable diseases	Related Term
Vaccination	Related Term

Immunological deficiency syndrome

AIDS	Related Term
HIV	Related Term

Impact assessment

Damage assessment	Broader Term
Impact assessment studies	Narrower Term

Impact assessment studies

Impact assessment	Broader Term
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In-service training

Education	Broader Term
Training	Broader Term

Incendiary devices

Arson	Related Term
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Incident command system

Incident control systems	Use
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Incident control point

The control point established by the Control Agency in proximity to the emergency and used by the incident controller for forward command/control functions.

Incident control systems	Broader Term
Incidents	Broader Term

Incident control systems

A command structure to systematically and logically manage suppression of emergency incidents, including wildfires, from small, simple incidents to large, difficult or multiple situations.

Incident command system	Non-preferred Term
Incidents	Broader Term
Command systems	Related Term
Incident management systems	Related Term
Operating systems	Related Term
Incident control point	Narrower Term

Incident controller

The individual responsible for the management of all incident operations.

Incident management	Broader Term
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Incident management

The process of controlling the incident and coordinating resources.

Incidents	Broader Term
Disaster management	Related Term
Emergency response	Related Term
Hazard management	Related Term
Incident response	Related Term
Unified command	Related Term
Incident controller	Narrower Term
Incident sequence analysis	Narrower Term

Incident management plans

Contingency plans	Related Term
Australian incident management system	Narrower Term

Incident management systems

Incident control systems	Related Term
Incident reports	Related Term

Incident reporting systems

Fire incident reporting systems	Non-preferred Term
Incidents	Broader Term

Incident reports

Incidents	Broader Term
Incident management systems	Related Term

Incident response

Incident management	Related Term
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Incident sequence analysis

The tracing of a primary event forwards in order to define its consequences.

Incident management	Broader Term
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Incidents

Events, accidentally or deliberately caused, which require a response from one or more of the statutory emergency response agencies.

Risk	Broader Term
Event	Related Term
Incident control point	Narrower Term
Incident control systems	Narrower Term
Incident management	Narrower Term
Incident reports	Narrower Term
Incident reporting systems	Narrower Term

Incineration

Hazardous waste sites	Related Term
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Individual risk

The frequency at which an individual may be expected to sustain a given level of harm from the realisation of specified hazards.

Risk	Broader Term
Risk criteria	Related Term
Societal risk	Related Term
Individual risk criteria	Narrower Term

Individual risk criteria

Criteria which can be used to determine the acceptability of a given individual risk level at a given site.

Individual risk	Broader Term
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Industrial accidents

Accidents	Broader Term
Industrial hygiene	Related Term
Industrial safety	Related Term

Industrial buildings

Buildings	Broader Term
Factories	Related Term
Mills	Narrower Term

Industrial hazards

Health hazards	Related Term
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Industrial health

Occupational health and safety	Related Term
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Industrial hygiene

Industrial accidents	Related Term
Health hazards	Related Term
Industrial safety	Related Term
Occupational diseases	Related Term
Occupational stress	Related Term
Rehabilitation	Related Term

Industrial relations

Conflict resolution	Related Term
Grievance procedures	Related Term
Personnel management	Related Term
Labour contracts	Narrower Term
Labour relations	Narrower Term
Unions	Narrower Term

Industrial safety

Industrial accidents	Related Term
Industrial hygiene	Related Term
Occupational health and safety	Related Term

Industries

Chemical industry	Narrower Term
Gas industry	Narrower Term
Liquefied petroleum gas Industry	Narrower Term
Petroleum industry	Narrower Term
Petrochemical industry	Narrower Term

Infants

People from 0 - 2 years

Infected areas

Defined areas in which an exotic animal disease exists, is believed to exist, or in which the infective agent of an exotic disease exists or is believed to exist.

Restricted areas	Related Term
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Infection

Diseases	Related Term
Infection control	Related Term
Infection prevention	Related Term
Plagues	Related Term
Communicable diseases	Narrower Term

Infection control

Infection	Broader Term
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Infection prevention

Infection	Broader Term
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Infectious diseases

Communicable diseases	Use
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Infectious materials

(a) Materials containing disease-producing organisms (b) Materials containing hazardous substances.

Infectious substances	Non-preferred Term
Hazardous materials	Related Term

Infectious substances

Infectious materials	Use
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Infestation

A pervasive influx and development of insects or parasites affecting humans, animals, crops or material.

Epidemics	Related Term
Plague	Related Term

Inflammable materials

Flammable materials	Use
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Information management

Management	Broader Term
Computers	Related Term
Information security	Related Term
Information systems	Related Term
Records management	Related Term
Technology	Related Term
Information networks	Narrower Term

Information networks

Information management	Broader Term
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Information security

Security	Broader Term
Information management	Related Term

Information services

Libraries	Related Term
Resource centres	Related Term

Information systems

Information management	Related Term
Information technology	Related Term
Internet	Related Term
Management information systems	Narrower Term
Geographic information systems	Narrower Term

Information technology

Information systems	Related Term
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Informed consent

Consent	Broader Term
Search and rescue operations	Broader Term

Infrared cameras

Fire fighting operations	Related Term
Thermal imaging	Related Term

Injured persons

Casualties	Broader Term
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Injuries

Harm of any kind done or sustained

Wounds and injuries	Broader Term
First aid	Related Term
Injury prevention	Related Term
Wounds	Related Term
Accidents, Wounds and injury	Narrower Term
Blast injuries	Narrower Term
Burns	Narrower Term
Crush injuries	Narrower Term
Diving injuries	Narrower Term
Spinal cord injuries	Narrower Term

Injury codes

Codes	Broader Term
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Injury prevention

Accidents, Wounds and injury	Related Term
Wounds and injury	Related Term

Inner perimeter

That area which is secured to allow effective command, communication and coordination control, and to allow for safe operations while dealing with an emergency, including the immediate ingress and egress needs of emergency response personnel and vehicles.

Emergency plans	Broader Term
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Inquests

Coroners	Related Term
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Inquiry

The process of taking inquiries from people concerned about the safety and whereabouts of friends/relatives suspected of being affected by an emergency.

National Registration and Inquiry System	Narrower Term
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Insecticides		All agencies approach	Non-preferred Term
Pesticides	Broader Term		
Insects		Integrated emergency management	
Animals	Broader Term	Comprehensive approach	Related Term
In-service training		Intellectually handicapped persons	
Education	Broader Term	Disabled persons	Related Term
Training	Broader Term		
Insignia		Intelligence	
Emblems	Related Term	Information that has been evaluated.	
Inspections		Artificial intelligence	Narrower Term
Examinations	Related Term	Intensive care	
Institutions		Medical therapy for the critically ill, usually given under hospital supervision and for a short period of time.	
Organisations	Broader Term	Medical care	Broader Term
Insurance		Interagency cooperation	
Liability insurance	Non-preferred Term	Cooperation - interagency	Use
Arson	Related Term	Interface fires	
Compensation	Related Term	Fires	Broader Term
Liability	Related Term	Intergovernment cooperation	
Litigation	Related Term	Interagency cooperation	Related Term
Loss assessor	Related Term	Internal security	
Negligible risks	Related Term	Security	Broader Term
Risk management	Related Term	International relief	
Earthquake insurance	Narrower Term	Foreign aid	Broader Term
Disaster insurance	Narrower Term	Internet	
Fire insurance	Narrower Term	Electronic mail	Related Term
Flood insurance	Narrower Term	Information systems	Related Term
Perceived risk	Narrower Term	Intranet	Related Term
Risk minimisation	Narrower Term	Interpersonal skills	
Insurance, Earthquakes		Communication skills	Related Term
Earthquakes	Broader term	Management	Related Term
Insurance	Broader term	Intranet	
Insurgencies		Internet	Related Term
Revolutions	Non-preferred Term	Invasions	
Integrated approach		Warfare	Related Term
Arrangements for dealing with emergencies/disasters involving an active partnership between Commonwealth, State/Territory and local levels of government, statutory authorities, and voluntary and community organisations.			

Investigation reports

Investigations

Broader Term

Investigations

Processes conducted for the purpose of accident prevention, which includes gathering and analysis of information, the drawing of conclusions, including the determination of cause(s) and, when appropriate, the making of safety recommendations.

Fatalities

Related Term

Investigation reports

Narrower Term

Involuntary risk

A risk imposed on people by a controlling body without their consent.

Risk

Broader Term

Ionising radiation

Radiation (including alpha particles) capable of causing ionisation of the matter through which it passes and hence damage to living tissue.

Non ionising radiation

Related Term

Nuclear radiation

Narrower Term

J

Jails

Prisons

Use

Jetties

Piers

Broader Term

L

Labelling

Classification systems	Related Term
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Laboratories

Buildings	Broader Term
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Labour contracts

Industrial relations	Broader Term
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Labour relations

Industrial relations	Broader Term
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Lakes

Reservoirs	Related Term
Rivers	Related Term

Land

Land degradation	Narrower Term
Land management	Narrower Term
Land searches	Narrower Term
Land use	Narrower Term

Land degradation

Progressive deterioration of land quality or land forms resulting from natural phenomena or human activity.

Soil degradation	Non-preferred Term
Land	Broader Term
Land use	Broader Term

Land management

Agriculture	Related Term
Land use	Related Term
Land	Broader Term

Land mines

Hazardous materials	Related Term
Mines, military explosives	Related Term

Land searches

Land	Broader Term
Land use	Related Term
Search operations	Related Term

Land slips

Landslides	Broader Term
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Land use

Land	Broader Term
Land management	Related Term
Land searches	Related Term
Land degradation	Narrower Term
Land use classification	Narrower Term
Land use zoning	Narrower Term

Land use classification

Land use	Broader Term
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Land use zoning

Land use	Broader Term
Zones	Related Term
Zoning	Narrower Term

Landfill

Waste disposal sites	Related Term
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Landslides

The general term given to movement of material downslope in a mass.

Geological hazards	Broader Term
Natural disasters	Broader Term
Avalanches	Related Term
Soil creep	Related Term
Subsidence,	
Earth movements	Related Term
Land slips	Narrower Term
Landslides hazard analysis	Narrower Term
Landslides stabilisation	Narrower Term
Rockfalls	Narrower Term

Landslides hazard analysis

Landslides	Broader Term
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Landslides stabilisation

Landslides	Broader Term
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Law enforcement

Crime	Related Term
Police services	Related Term

Lead agencies

The agencies identified as primarily responsible for responding to a particular emergency.

Combat agencies Non-preferred Term

Lead time

The period which elapses between the time and date of determining that an item is required until it is actually required by the user or the item for events to occur before an activity can be taken.

Disaster response Related Term

Emergency response Related Term

Leadership

Management Related Term

Personnel Related Term

Leakage

Spills Related Term

Legal responsibility

Liability Use

Legislation

Critical statutes in emergency management area.

Building codes Related Term

Fire protection Related Term

Regulations Related Term

Levees

Water retaining earthwork used to confine streamflow within a specified area along the stream or to prevent flooding due to waves or tides.

Embankments Broader Term

Booms Related Term

Bunds Related Term

Dams Related Term

Demolition Related Term

Flood control Related Term

Dikes Narrower Term

Level crossings

Railways Related Term

Liability

Legal responsibility Non-preferred Term

Building codes Related Term

Fire protection Related Term

Insurance Related Term

Malpractice Related Term

Professional liability Narrower Term

Liability insurance

Insurance Use

Libraries

Information services Related Term

Licences

Licenses to manufacture, import, export, convey, keep or sell dangerous goods, as the context may require.

Life boats

Ships Related Term

Life support systems

Advanced life support Narrower Term

Advanced trauma life support Narrower Term

Lifelines

(a) The public facilities and systems that provide basic life support services such as water, energy, sanitation, communications and transportation. (b) systems or networks which provide for the movement of people, goods, services, and information upon which the health, safety, comfort and economic activity of the community depend.

Cordage Related Term

Public utilities Related Term

Rope rescue Related Term

Lifts

Elevators Use

Lighting

Emergency lighting Narrower Term

Lightning

Weather hazards Broader Term

Lightning injuries Related Term

Thunderstorms Related Term

Lightning strikes	Narrower Term
Lightning injuries	
Lightning	Related Term
Lightning strikes	
Lightning	Broader Term
Liquefaction	
Process of soil and sand behaving like a dense fluid rather than a wet soil mass during an earthquake.	
Earthquakes	Related Term
Liquefied natural gas	
Liquefied natural gas is natural gas and other gaseous hydrocarbons that have been cooled under high pressure and converted into liquid form, shrinking considerably in volume, so they can be more easily transported by ship.	
LNG	Non-preferred Term
Natural gas	Broader Term
Liquefied petroleum gas	
A material composed predominantly of any one or more of the following hydrocarbons: propane, propylene, butanes or butylenes.	
LPG	Non-preferred Term
Gases	Broader Term
Liquefied petroleum gas explosions	
Gas explosions	Broader Term
BLEVE	Related Term
Liquefied petroleum gas fires	
Fires	Broader Term
BLEVE	Related Term
Liquefied petroleum gas industry	
Industries	Broader Term
Liquefied petroleum gas storage	Narrower Term
Liquefied petroleum gas storage	
Hazardous materials storage	Broader Term
Liquefied petroleum gas industry	Broader Term

Liquefied petroleum gas tanks		
Tanks		Broader Term
Liquefied	petroleum	gas
transportation		
Hazardous materials transportation		Broader Term
Liquid fuels		
Fuels		Broader Term
Flammable liquids		Related Term
Litigation		
Insurance		Related Term
LNG		
Liquefied Natural Gas		Use
Local government		
Local government disaster plans		Narrower Term
Local government disaster plans		
Disaster plans		Broader Term
Local government		Broader Term
Logistics		
A range of operational activities concerned with supply, handling, transportation, distribution of materials. Also applicable to the transportation of people.		
Emergency management		Related Term
Long range weather forecasts		
Forecasting		Broader Term
Loss		
Any negative consequence, financial or otherwise.		
Loss assessment		Narrower Term
Loss assessment		
Loss		Broader Term
Loss assessor		
Insurance		Related Term

LPG

Liquefied petroleum gas

Use

M

Machinery

Equipment

Related Term

Major hazards

Hazardous activities with a potential for causing more than a few fatalities at once, especially among people who are not employees of the plant.

Hazards

Broader Term

Malls

Shopping centres

Broader Term

Malpractice

Liability

Related Term

Negligence

Related Term

Management

Benchmarking

Related Term

Best practice

Related Term

Business

Related Term

Communication

Related Term

Customer services

Related Term

Emergency management

Related Term

Finance

Related Term

Freedom of Information

Related Term

Group think

Related Term

Human resources

Related Term

Organisations

Related Term

Personnel

Related Term

Planning

Related Term

Interpersonal skills

Related Term

Leadership

Related Term

Personnel management

Related Term

Quality assurance

Related Term

Quality control

Related Term

Service evaluation

Related Term

Information management

Narrower Term

Monitoring

Narrower Term

Public relations

Narrower Term

Records management

Narrower Term

Strategic management

Narrower Term

Time management

Narrower Term

Management information systems	
Information systems	Broader Term
Manpower	
Human resources management	Use
Map reading	
Maps	Related Term
Grid reference	Narrower Term
Mapping	
Geographic information systems	Related Term
Hazard mapping	Related Term
Vulnerability mapping	Related Term
Maps	
Grid reference	Narrower Term
Map reading	Related Term
Marinas	
Ports	Broader Term
Marine accidents	
Accidents	Broader Term
Marine pollution	
Pollution	Broader Term
Marine rescue	
Rescue operations	Broader Term
Maritime disasters	
Spills	Related Term
Shipwrecks	Narrower Term
Marketing	
Services, Marketing	Narrower Term
Mass casualties	
Casualties	Broader Term
Mass casualty estimates	Related Term
Mass casualty movements	Related Term
Medical emergencies	Related Term
Mass casualty management	Narrower Term

Mass casualty estimates	
Mass casualties	Related Term
Mass casualty management	
Mass casualties	Broader Term
Disaster medicine	Related Term
Mass casualty movements	
Mass casualties	Related Term
Mass evacuation	
Evacuation	Broader Term
Mass fires	
Conflagrations	Narrower Term
Mass media	
Media	Use
Mass murder	
Massacres	Non-preferred Term
Murder	Broader Term
Homicide	Related Term
Massacres	
Mass murder	Use
Material needs	
The provision of clothing, bedding and personal requisites to emergency affected persons.	
Emergency relief	Related Term
Media	
Mass media	Non-preferred Term
Public relations	Related Term
Press	Narrower Term
Television	Narrower Term
Medical assistance	
Medicine	Related Term

Medical care

Examination and/or treatment of victims by a medical practitioner or other qualified person such as a paramedic.

Health care	Related Term
Health services	Related Term
Medical records	Related Term
Medical services	Related Term
Medicine	Related Term
Patient care	Related Term
Intensive care	Narrower Term

Medical emergencies

Events in which trained personnel are required to respond effectively to a medical crisis beyond the accepted routine of the health care facility.

Compression garments	Related Term
Emergencies	Related Term
Emergency medicine	Related Term
Mass casualties	Related Term
Medical reports	Related Term

Medical equipment

Cervical collars	Narrower Term
Defibrillators	Narrower Term

Medical ethics

Medicine	Related Term
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Medical personnel

Health personnel	Non-preferred Term
Emergency personnel	Related Term
Medicine	Related Term
Emergency medical personnel	Narrower Term

Medical policy

Medicine	Related Term
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Medical records

Medical care	Related Term
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Medical reports

Medical emergencies	Related Term
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Medical services

Hospital emergency departments	Related Term
Hospital emergency service	Related Term
Medical care	Related Term
Emergency medical services	Narrower Term

Medical supplies

Medicine	Related Term
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Medical terminology**Medical transport**

Aeromedical evacuation	Related Term
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Medical wastes

Medicine	Broader Term
Wastes	Broader Term
Hazardous wastes	Related Term

Medications

Drugs	Related Term
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Medicine

Medical assistance	Related Term
Medical care	Related Term
Medical ethics	Related Term
Medical personnel	Related Term
Medical policy	Related Term
Medical supplies	Related Term
Medical wastes	Related Term
Triage, Medicine	Related Term
Emergency medicine	Narrower Term
Operating theatres	Narrower Term

Mental health

Mental illness	Non-preferred Term
Health	Broader Term
Mental health services	Narrower Term

Mental health services

Mental health	Broader Term
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Mental illness

Mental health	Use
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Metal fires

Fires	Broader Term
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Meteorological hazards

Meteorology	Related Term
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Meteorological satellites

Satellites	Broader Term
Weather	Related Term

Meteorological services

Meteorology	Related Term
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Meteorology

Atmosphere	Related Term
Balloons	Related Term
Meteorological hazards	Related Term
Meteorological services	Related Term
Air inversion	Narrower Term

Micro bursts

In a mature thunderstorm, falling rain and hail drag the surrounding air down, causing a strong down-draught which accelerates as the air cools due to evaporation of rain drops. It spreads out upon reaching the ground producing a cool gusty wind which can be strong enough to cause significant damage.

Down bursts	Related Term
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Migration

Uncontrolled movement of hazardous waste through the environment.

Population	Related Term
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Military aid

Defence forces assistance	Use
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Military assistance

Defence forces assistance	Use
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Military bases

Defence forces assistance	Related Term
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Military services

Defence forces	Use
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Millibars

Pressure	Related Term
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Mills

Industrial buildings	Broader Term
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Mine rescue work

Rescue operations	Broader Term
Mines	Related Term

Mine shafts

Shafts, Evacuation	Broader Term
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Mines

Mine rescue work	Related Term
Coal mines	Narrower Term

Mines, Military explosives

Land mines	Related Term
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Mitigation

Measures taken in advance of a disaster aimed at decreasing or eliminating its impact on society and environment.

Disaster prevention	Related Term
Disaster mitigation	Narrower Term
Flood mitigation	Narrower Term
Risk mitigation	Narrower Term

Mobile communication systems

Mobile telephones	Narrower Term
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Mobile intensive care units

Ambulance officers	Related Term
Ambulance services	Related Term

Mobile telephones

Cellular phones	Non-preferred Term
Cellular telephone systems	Non-preferred Term
Mobile communication systems	Broader Term
Telecommunication	Broader Term

Mobilisation

Action	Related Term
Activation	Related Term
Dispatch	Related Term

Mock disaster training

Drills	Related Term
Exercises	Related Term
Simulation training	Related Term

Mortality rate

Narrower Term

Monitoring

Observation, measurement and valuation of the progress of a process or phenomenon with a view to taking corrective measures.

Management	Broader Term
Disaster assessment	Related Term

Monsoons

Seasonally heavy rains and wind the direction of which varies from one season to another, particularly in the Indian Ocean and south Asian areas.

Storms	Broader Term
Cyclones	Related Term
Hurricanes	Related Term
Typhoons	Related Term

Mopping Up

Making a fire safe after it has been controlled, by extinguishing or removing burning material along or near the fireline.

Salvage	Related Term
Salvage operations	Related Term

Morbidity

The number of sick persons or of diseases in a given period among a given population.

Diseases	Broader Term
Morbidity rate	Narrower Term

Morbidity rate

For a given disease, the ratio of individuals having that disease to the total number of the population.

Morbidity	Broader Term
Deaths	Related Term

Morgues

Mortuaries	Use
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Mortality

The number, magnitude or frequency of deaths over a period of time amount the total sick and well population of an area.

Deaths	Related Term
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Mortality rate

The ratio of the number of deaths in a given population to the total number of that population.

Mortality	Broader Term
Deaths	Related Term

Mortuaries

Morgues	Non-preferred Term
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Motels

Hotels	Use
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Motor cycles

Motor vehicles	Broader Term
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Motor vehicle accidents

Road accidents	Use
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Motor vehicle driving

Motor vehicles	Related Term
Ambulance driving	Narrower Term

Motor vehicle rescue

Motor vehicles	Broader Term
Rescue operations	Broader Term
Extrication	Related Term
Road accident rescue	Related Term
Vehicle rescue	Related Term

Motor vehicles

Road transportation	Broader Term
Vehicles	Broader Term
Motor vehicle driving	Related Term
Buses	Narrower Term
Cars	Narrower Term
Motor cycles	Narrower Term
Motor vehicle rescue	Narrower Term
Trucks	Narrower Term

Motorways

Freeways	Use
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Mountaineering

Mountaineering	Broader Term
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Mountaineering search and rescue operations

Mountaineering	Broader Term
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Movement control

Restrictions placed on movement of animals, people and things to prevent dissemination of disease.

Disaster management	Related Term
Emergency management	Related Term

Mudflows

The down slope transfer of fine earth material mixed with water.

Geological hazards	Broader Term
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Mudslides

Natural disasters	Related Term
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Murder

Mass murder	Narrower Term
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Mutual aid

Emergency plans	Related Term
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N

National parks

Parks Broader Term

National Registration and Inquiry System

Inquiry Broader Term
Natural disasters Broader Term

Natural disasters

Those emergencies defined by the Commonwealth for the purpose of the Natural Disaster Relief Arrangements: bush fires, cyclones, earthquakes, floods and storms including hail.

Disasters Broader Term
Mudslides Related Term
Avalanches Narrower Term
Cyclones Narrower Term
Earthquakes Narrower Term
Fires Narrower Term
Floods Narrower Term
Hurricanes Narrower Term
Landslides Narrower Term
Natural disaster warning systems Narrower Term
Natural disasters information systems Narrower Term
Storms Narrower Term
Tsunamis Narrower Term
Typhoons Narrower Term
Volcanoes Narrower Term

Natural disasters information systems

Natural disasters Broader Term

Natural gas

Gaseous hydrocarbons from underground deposits, the production of which may be associated with the production of crude petroleum.

Gas, natural Non-preferred Term
Gases Broader Term
Liquefied natural gas Narrower Term

Natural hazards

Geologic, meteorological, or biological hazards.

Avalanche hazards Narrower Term
Climatic hazards Narrower Term
Earthquake hazards Narrower Term
Geological hazards Narrower Term
Oceanographic hazards Narrower Term
Weather hazards Narrower Term

Navy

Defence forces Broader Term

Negligence

Failure to do a job or duty; an act or state of neglectfulness.

Duty of care Related Term
Malpractice Related Term

Negligible risks

Risks that are so small that there is no cause for concern about them, and no reason to take action to reduce them.

Risk Broader Term
Insurance Related Term

Noise

Noise control Related Term
Noise pollution Narrower Term

Noise control

Noise pollution Broader Term
Noise Related Term

Noise pollution

Noise Broader Term
Noise pollution Broader Term

Nominated agencies

Agencies or organisations responsible for a functional area during emergency relief.

Disaster relief Related Term

Non-government agencies

Non-government organisations Use

Non-government organisations

Non-profit making organisations operating at the local, national, or international levels. Distinct from a governmental organisation, having no statutory ties with a national government.

Non-government agencies	Non-preferred Term
Voluntary agencies	Non-preferred Term
Relief agencies	Related Term
Salvation Army	Related Term
St John Ambulance Australia	Related Term
Red Cross	Narrower Term

Non-ionising radiation

Radiation	Broader Term
Ionising radiation	Related Term
Ultraviolet radiation	Narrower Term

Non-profit organisations

Welfare services	Related Term
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Non-verbal communication

Communication	Broader Term
Communication skills	Related Term
Gesture	Related Term

Notifiable diseases

Diseases	Broader Term
Communicable diseases	Related Term
Disease notification	Related Term

Noxious substance

Hazardous materials	Related Term
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Nuclear accidents

Accidental release of radiation occurring in civil nuclear facilities, exceeding the internationally established safety levels.

Accidents	Broader Term
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Nuclear bomb shelters

Nuclear bombs	Broader Term
Bomb shelters	Related Term

Nuclear bombs

Nuclear weapons	Broader Term
Nuclear bomb shelters	Narrower Term

Nuclear energy

Nuclear power	Non-preferred Term
Nuclear engineering	Narrower Term
Nuclear facilities	Narrower Term
Nuclear industry	Narrower Term

Nuclear engineering

Nuclear energy	Broader Term
Nuclear reactors	Narrower Term

Nuclear explosions

Explosions	Broader Term
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Nuclear facilities

Nuclear energy	Broader Term
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Nuclear fuels

Radioactive materials	Broader Term
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Nuclear hazards

All hazards existing from the use of, and exposure to, radioactive substances.

Nuclear energy	Broader Term
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Nuclear power

Nuclear energy	Use
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Nuclear power plants

Nuclear power stations	Non-preferred Term
Power stations	Related Term
Nuclear power plants location	Narrower Term
Nuclear power plants waste disposal	Narrower Term

Nuclear power plants location

Nuclear power plants	Broader Term
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Nuclear power plants waste disposal

Nuclear power plants	Broader Term
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Nuclear power stations

Nuclear power plants	Use
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Nuclear powered ships

Nuclear ships	Non-preferred Term
Ionising radiation	Broader Term
Radiation	Broader Term

Radioactive materials	Related Term
Nuclear reactors	
Nuclear engineering	Broader Term
Nuclear ships	
Nuclear powered ships	Use
Nuclear warfare	
Warfare	Broader Term
Biological warfare	Related Term
Chemical warfare	Related Term
Nuclear weapons	
Atomic bomb	Non-preferred Term
Bombs	Broader Term
Nuclear bombs	Narrower Term
Nursing	
Health care	Related Term
Nutrition	
Food aid	Related Term

O

Occupational diseases

Industrial hygiene	Related Term
Occupational stress	Related Term

Occupational health and safety

Industrial safety	Broader Term
Industrial health	Related Term

Occupational stress

Stress, physiology	Broader Term
Industrial hygiene	
Occupational diseases	Related Term

Occupational training

Education	Broader Term
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Oceanographic hazards

Natural hazards	Broader Term
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Office buildings

Buildings	Broader Term
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Offshore drilling rigs

Offshore structures	Broader Term
Oil and gas platforms	Related Term
Oil rigs	Related Term
Oil well drilling rigs	Related Term

Offshore gas industry

Gas industry	Related Term
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Offshore structures

Gas wells	Related Term
Oil wells	Related Term
Offshore drilling rigs	Narrower Term

Oil and gas platforms

Offshore drilling rigs	Related Term
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Oil disasters

Disasters	Broader Term
Oil pollution	Related Term

Oil fires		
Tanker fires	Related Term	
Oil pollution		
Pollution	Broader Term	
Oil disasters	Related Term	
Oil refineries		
Petroleum refineries	Use	
Oil rigs		
Offshore drilling rigs	Related Term	
Oil spills		
Incidents involving the accidental or intentional release of oil into the marine environment, or the slick produced by such an incident.		
Dispersing agents	Related Term	
Pollution	Related Term	
Oil storage		
Oil tanks	Narrower Term	
Oil tankers		
Tankers	Use	
Oil tanks		
Oil storage	Broader Term	
Tanks	Broader Term	
Oil well drilling rigs		
Drilling platforms	Related Term	
Gas wells	Related Term	
Offshore drilling rigs	Related Term	
Oil wells	Related Term	
Oil wells		
Offshore structures	Related Term	
Oil well drilling rigs	Related Term	
Olympic Games		
Olympics	Use	
Olympics		
Olympic Games	Non-preferred Term	
Events	Related Term	
Special events	Related Term	
Operating procedures		
Documents containing specific, step-wise instructions on carrying out operational procedures.		
Standard operating procedures	Related Term	
Operating systems		
Incident control systems	Related Term	
Operating theatres		
Medicine	Broader Term	
Hospitals	Related Term	
Operational planning		
Disaster plans	Broader Term	
Emergency planning	Broader Term	
Organisational behaviour		
Organisations	Broader Term	
Organisational change		
Organisations	Broader Term	
Re-engineering	Related Term	
Organisations		
Agencies	Non-preferred Term	
Management	Related Term	
Recovery Agency	Related Term	
Government agencies	Narrower Term	
Institutions	Narrower Term	
Organisational behaviour	Narrower Term	
Organisational change	Narrower Term	
Statutory authorities	Narrower Term	
Voluntary organisations	Narrower Term	
Overpressure		
The pressure resulting from the blast or shock wave of an explosion.		
Explosion overpressure	Non-preferred Term	
Ozone depletion		
Global warming	Related Term	

P

Panic

Hysteria	Non-preferred Term
Fear	Related Term
Human behaviour	Related Term
Riots	Related Term

Paramedics

Emergency personnel with advanced life support skills.

Ambulance officers	Related Term
Emergency service personnel	Related Term

Parks

National parks	Narrower Term
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Partnerships

Emergency services cooperation	Related Term
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Passenger ships

Ships	Broader Term
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Patient assessment

Diagnosis	Related Term
Triage, medicine	Related Term

Patient care

Medical care	Related Term
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Patient transport

Ambulances	Related Term
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Peer support

Peers	Related Term
Personnel	Related Term

Peers

Peer support	Related Term
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Perceived risk

The level of risk that is thought to exist by an individual or group of individuals.

Insurance	Broader Term
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Performance appraisal

Personnel management	Broader Term
Performance assessment	Related Term

Performance assessment

Personnel management	Broader Term
Performance appraisal	Related Term
Performance indicators	Related Term
Performance measures	Related Term

Performance indicators

Personnel management	Broader Term
Performance assessment	Related Term

Performance standards

Personnel management	Broader Term
Standards	Broader Term
Service evaluation	Related Term

Personal support services

The process of assisting the diverse, immediate as well as long term personal needs of people affected by an emergency.

Welfare support	Broader Term
Disaster welfare services	Related Term

Personnel

Human resources	Broader Term
Leadership	Related Term
Management	Related Term
Peer support	Related Term
Recruitment	Related Term
Stress management	Related Term
Personnel management	Narrower Term
Personnel services	Narrower Term

Personnel Management

Management	Broader term
Industrial relations	Related Term
Competencies	Narrower Term
Delegation of authority	Narrower Term
Performance appraisal	Narrower Term
Performance assessment	Narrower Term
Performance indicators	Narrower Term
Performance measures	Narrower Term
Personnel standards	Narrower Term
Supervision	Narrower Term

Personnel services

Personnel	Broader Term
Personnel management	Broader Term

Pest control

Vermín	Related Term
Pesticides	Narrower Term

Pesticides

A chemical or mixture of chemicals used to destroy, prevent or control any living organism considered to be a pest.

Agricultural chemicals	Broader Term
Pest control	Broader Term
Biological warfare	Related Term
Fungicides	Related Term
Herbicides	Narrower Term
Insecticides	Narrower Term

Petrochemical industry

Chemical industry	Broader Term
Industries	Broader Term

Petrochemicals

Chemicals made from petroleum.

Chemicals	Broader Term
Petroleum products	Broader Term
Flammable materials	Related Term
Petroleum	Related Term

Petrol stations

Service stations	Use
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Petroleum

Any naturally occurring hydrocarbon or mixture of hydrocarbons in a gaseous or liquid state.

Petrochemicals	Related Term
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Petroleum industry

Chemical industry	Broader Term
Industries	Broader Term

Petroleum pipelines

Pipelines	Broader Term
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Petroleum products

Petrochemicals	Narrower Term
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Petroleum refineries

Oil refineries	Non-preferred Term
Refineries	Related Term

Pets

Domestic animals	Related Term
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Pharmaceutical services

Pharmacies	Broader Term
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Pharmacies

Chemists	Related Term
Pharmaceutical services	Narrower Term

Photography

Aerial photography	Related Term
Geographic information systems	Related Term

Physical restraints

Immobilisation	Related Term
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Physically handicapped

Disabled persons	Broader Term
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Physiological stress

Stress, physiology	Broader Term
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Piers

Wharves	Related Term
Jetties	Narrower Term

Pipelines

Gas pipelines	Narrower Term
Petroleum pipelines	Narrower Term

Plague

Diseases	Related Term
Epidemics	Related Term
Infections	Related Term
Infestation	Related Term

Planning

Management	Related Term
Business planning	Narrower Term
Strategic planning	Narrower Term
Urban planning	Narrower Term

Plans

Formal records of agreed emergency management roles, responsibilities, strategies, systems and arrangements.

Contingency plans

Cyclone plans Narrower Term

Disaster plans Narrower Term

Emergency plans Narrower Term

Flood plans Narrower Term

Hurricane plans Narrower Term

Recovery plans Narrower Term

Response plans Narrower Term

Strategic plans Narrower Term

Plant diseases

Diseases Broader Term

Plants

Algae Narrower Term

Plumes

(a) Columns of non-combustible products emitted from a fire (smoke)

(b) Vapour cloud formations having shape and buoyancy

(c) The airborne radioactive materials released from a nuclear power plant and carried by the prevailing winds which may effect radiologically those downwind areas over which it passes.

Poisoning

Food poisoning Narrower Term

Poisonous substances

Poisons Use

Poisons

Substances that, when introduced in sufficient quantity into an animal organism by ingestion, inhalation or absorption, destroys or threatens to destroy life or injures health.

Poisonous substances Non-preferred Term

Hazardous materials Broader Term

Toxic gases Related Term

Toxic liquids Related Term

Toxic Related Term

Toxicology Related Term

Poisons information centres Narrower Term

Poisons Information Centres

Poisons Broader Term

Police

Emergency service personnel Broader Term

Police communication systems Related Term

Police powers Related Term

Police regulations Related Term

Police services Related Term

Police vehicles Related Term

Police officers Narrower Term

Police communication systems

Communications systems Broader Term

Police Related Term

Police officers

Police Broader Term

Emergency personnel Related Term

Police powers

Police Related Term

Police regulations

Police Related Term

Police services

Emergency services Broader Term

Collocation Related Term

Law enforcement Related Term

Police Related Term

Police stations

Buildings Broader Term

Police vehicles

Emergency vehicles Broader Term

Police Related Term

Pollution

Degradation of one or more elements or aspects in the environment by noxious industrial, chemical or biological wastes, from debris or man-made products and from mismanagement of natural and environmental resources.

Contamination	Related Term
Effluents	Related Term
Oil spills	Related Term
Air pollution	Narrower Term
Atmospheric pollution	Narrower Term
Environmental pollution	Narrower Term
Marine pollution	Narrower Term
Oil pollution	Narrower Term
Soil pollution	Narrower Term
Water pollution	Narrower Term

Pollution management

Ground water	Related Term
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Population

Demography	Related Term
Migration	Related Term

Population at risk

A well defined population whose lives, property and livelihoods are threatened by given hazards.

Population density

Demographics	Broader Term
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Population statistics

Demographics	Broader Term
Census	Related Term

Ports

Harbours	Non-preferred Term
Docks	Related Term
Wharves	Related Term
Marinas	Narrower Term

Post disaster mitigation

Disasters	Related Term
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Post disaster operations

Disasters	Related Term
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Post mortems

Autopsies	Use
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Post traumatic stress

Symptoms or reactions following an abnormal event.

Stress, physiology	Broader Term
Counselling	Related Term
Critical incident stress	Related Term
Post-traumatic stress	
debriefing	Related Term
Psychological debriefing	Related Term
Psychological response to danger	Related Term
Trauma	Related Term
Traumatic stress	Related Term
Post-traumatic stress disorder	Narrower Term

Post traumatic stress debriefing

Debriefing	Broader Term
Critical incident stress debriefing	Related Term
Post traumatic stress	Related Term
Psychological debriefing	Related Term

Post traumatic stress disorder

An anxiety disorder, beyond the normal response to stress, caused by exposure to a highly traumatic event that has been excessively demanding.

Post-traumatic stress	Broader Term
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Potable water

Drinking Water	Use
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Power failures

Electricity supply	Broader Term
Blackouts	Related Term
Brownouts	Related Term

Power stations

Nuclear power plants	Related Term
Hydro-electric power stations	Narrower Term

Power supplies

Electricity supply	Narrower Term
Emergency power supplies	Narrower Term

Prediction

A statement of the expected time, place and magnitude of a future event.

Forecasting	Related Term
Bush fire prediction	Narrower Term
Earthquake prediction	Narrower Term
Flood predictions	Narrower Term

Pre-hospital care

Disaster medicine	Related Term
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Preliminary flood warning

A warning issued by the Bureau of Meteorology when flood producing rains are occurring or are expected over particular river catchments.

Flood warnings	Broader Term
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Preparedness

Activities designed to minimise loss of life and damage, to organise the temporary removal of people and property from a threatened location and facilitate timely and effective rescue, relief and rehabilitation.

Cyclone preparedness	Narrower Term
Disaster preparedness	Narrower Term
Earthquake preparedness	Narrower Term
Emergency preparedness	Narrower Term

Prescribed burning

The deliberate and controlled burning of vegetation growing close to, or on the ground to minimise the fuel supply for future bush or forest fires.

Controlled burning	Related Term
Fuel reduction	Related Term
Hazard reduction	Related Term

Preservation

Conservation	Related Term
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Press

Media	Broader Term
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Pressure

Millibars	Related Term
Atmospheric pressure	Narrower Term

Pressure burst

BLEVE	Use
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Prisoners

Prisons	Related Term
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Prisons

Gaols	Non-preferred Term
Jails	Non-preferred Term
Buildings	Broader Term
Prisoners	Related Term

Privacy

Confidentiality	Related Term
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Probabilities

Frequency	Related Term
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Probability

The likelihood of a specific outcome, measured by the ratio of specific outcomes to the total number of possible outcomes.

Probability analysis	Narrower Term
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Probability analysis

The derivation of both the likelihood of incidents occurring and the likelihood of particular outcomes (or effects) should these events occur.

Frequency analysis	Non-preferred Term
Probability	Broader Term

Procedures

Pre-planned detailed directions for dealing with specific occurrences.

Directives	Related Term
Protocol	Related Term
Recovery procedures	Narrower Term
Standard operating procedures	Narrower Term
Standby	Narrower Term

Professional liability

Liability	Broader Term
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Protective clothing

Equipment designed to protect the wearer from heat and/or dangerous goods contacting the skin or eyes.

Full protective clothing	Non-preferred Term
Clothing	Broader Term
Protective equipment	Related Term

Protective equipment

Protective clothing	Related Term
Breathing apparatus	Narrower Term

Protocol

Procedures	Related Term
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Psychiatric emergencies

Human behaviour	Related Term
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Psychiatry

Human behaviour	Related Term
Psychotherapy	Related Term

Psychological assessment

Psychology	Related Term
Psychological services	Related Term

Psychological debriefing

Critical incident stress	
debriefing	Related Term
Post-traumatic stress	Related Term
Post-traumatic stress	
debriefing	Related Term
Psychological services	Related Term
Traumatic stress	Related Term
Debriefing	Broader Term

Psychological impact

Psychology	Related Term
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Psychological response to danger

Post-traumatic stress	Related Term
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Psychological services

The specific forms of assistance, ranging from initial support through to longer term clinical treatment, provided by trained personnel within this framework.

Psychological assessment	Related Term
Psychological debriefing	Related Term
Psychological stress	Related Term

Psychological stress

Psychological services	Related Term
Traumatic stress	Related Term

Psychology

Psychological assessment	Related Term
Psychological impact	Related Term
Psychotherapy	Related Term
Disaster psychology	Narrower Term
Disaster victim psychology	Narrower Term
Human behaviour	Narrower Term

Psychotherapy

Psychiatry	Related Term
Psychology	Related Term

Public awareness

The process of informing the public as to the nature of the hazard and actions needed to save lives and property prior to and in the event of disaster.

Community preparedness	Related Term
Disaster education	Related Term
Public education	Related Term
Community awareness	Narrower Term

Public education

Safety education	Broader Term
Community awareness	Related Term
Community education	Related Term
Public awareness	Related Term

Public health

The discipline in health sciences that, at the level of the community or the public, aims at promoting prevention of disease, sanitary living, laws, practices and healthier environment.

Health	Broader Term
Environmental health	Related Term
Environmental health officer	Related Term
Quarantine	Related Term
Sanitation	Related Term
Public health services	Narrower Term

Public health services

Health services	Broader Term
Public health	Broader Term

Public participation

Citizen participation	Non-preferred Term
Community awareness	Related Term

Public relations

Management	Broader Term
Business	Related Term
Emergency services	Related Term
Media	Related Term

Public safety

Community safety	Related Term
Safety education	Related Term

Public service

Career government service and the laws governing it.

Civil service	Non-preferred Term
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Public shelters

Shelters	Broader Term
Air raid shelters	Related Term

Public utilities

Lifelines	Related Term
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Public welfare

Welfare services	Related Term
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Pyromania

Arson	Related Term
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Pyrotechnics

Fireworks	Use
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Q

Quality assurance

Management	Related Term
Quality control	Related Term

Quality control

Management	Related Term
Quality assurance	Related Term

Quarantine

Legal restrictions imposed on a place or trace of land by the serving of a notice and limiting access or egress of specified animals, persons or things.

Exotic animal diseases	Related Term
Public health	Related Term
Zoonoses	Related Term

R

Racism

Discrimination	Related Term
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Radiant heat

Heat	Broader Term
Exposure hazard	Related Term

Radiation

Electromagnetic waves or quanta, and atomic or sub-atomic particles, propagated through spaces or through a material medium.

Radiation injuries	Related Term
Radiation standards	Related Term
Radioactivity	Related Term
Atmospheric radiation	Narrower Term
Dosimeters	Narrower Term
Non-ionising radiation	Narrower Term
Nuclear radiation	Narrower Term
Radiation decontamination	Narrower Term
Radioactive fallout	Narrower Term
Radioactive hazards	Narrower Term
Radioisotope	Narrower Term
Solar radiation	Narrower Term
Thermal radiation	Narrower Term

Radiation decontamination

Radiation	Broader Term
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Radiation hazards

Technological hazards	Broader Term
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Radiation injuries

Radiation	Related Term
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Radiation standards

Radiation	Related Term
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Radio communications

Communications	Broader Term
Call signs	Related Term
Radio frequencies	Related Term
Radio frequency allocation	Related Term
Radio operators	Related Term
Radios	Related Term
Satellite communications	Related Term
Telecommunications	Related Term

Radio equipment

Radio communications	Related Term
Radios	Related Term

Radio frequency

Radio communications	Related Term
Radios	Related Term

Radio frequency allocation

Radio communications	Related Term
Radios	Related Term

Radio operators

Radio communications	Related Term
Radios	Related Term
Citizen Band operators	Narrower Term
Ham radio operators	Narrower Term

Radioactive hazards

Radiation	Broader Term
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Radioactive materials

Materials which spontaneously emit ionizing radiation.

Radioactive substances	Non-preferred Term
Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Nuclear radiation	Related Term
Nuclear fuels	Narrower Term
Radioactive materials transportation	Narrower Term
Radioactive pollution	Narrower Term

Radioactive materials transportation

Hazardous materials transportation	Broader Term
Radioactive materials	Broader Term

Radioactive pollution

Radioactive materials	Broader Term
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Radioactive substances

Radioactive materials	Use
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Radioactive waste disposal

Waste disposal sites	Broader Term
Radioactive wastes	Related Term

Radioactive wastes

Conventional materials that have been contaminated with radiation.

Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Wastes	Broader Term
Radioactive waste disposal	Related Term
Radioactive waste sites	Related Term

Radioactive fallout

The descent of airborne particles of dust, soot, or, more particularly, of radioactive materials resulting from a nuclear explosion.

Fallout shelters	Narrower Term
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Radioactivity

The property of certain radionuclides of spontaneously emitting particles or gamma radiation or of emitting x-radiation following orbital electron capture or of undergoing spontaneous fission.

Radiation	Related Term
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Radioisotope

An isotope which is radioactive.

Radiation	Broader Term
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Radios

Radio equipment	Broader Term
Radio communications	Related Term
Radio frequency	Related Term
Radio frequency allocation	Related Term
Radio operators	Related Term

Rail tankers

Tankers	Broader Term
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Rail transportation

Transportation	Broader Term
Railways	Related Term

Railroad accidents

Accidents	Broader Term
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Railroads

Railways	Use
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Railway terminals

Railways	Broader Term
Volcanic ash	Broader Term

Railway tunnels

Railways	Broader Term
Tunnels	Broader Term

Railways

Railroads	Non-preferred Term
Level crossings	Related Term
Rail transportation	Related Term
Trains	Related Term
Railway terminals	Narrower Term
Railway tunnels	Narrower Term
Underground railways	Narrower Term

Rain and Rainfall

Weather hazards	Broader Term
Acid rain	Narrower Term
Deluges	Narrower Term

Rainforests

Forests	Broader Term
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Reception centres

Centres established for the immediate receipt of evacuees and as such will be the initial source for the delivery of welfare services to those evacuees.

Evacuation centres	Related Term
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Reconnaissance

Disaster assessment	Related Term
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Reconstruction

Actions taken to re-establish a community after a period of rehabilitation subsequent to a disaster. Actions would include construction of permanent housing, full restoration of all services, and complete resumption of the pre-disaster state.

Rehabilitation	Related Term
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Records management

Management	Broader Term
Information management	Related Term

Recovery

(a) The coordinated process of supporting emergency affected communities in reconstruction of the physical infrastructure and restoration of emotional, social, economic and physical well being.

(b) In oil spills, the entire process of the physical removal of spilled oil from land, water or shoreline environment.

Community recovery	Non-preferred Term
Disaster recovery	Related Term
Community recovery committees	Narrower Term
Recovery plans	Narrower Term

Recovery Agency

An agency having a role or responsibility under Emergency Recovery Plans or in the recovery arrangements.

Organisations	Related Term
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Recovery management

Disaster recovery	Broader Term
Emergency response	Broader Term
State Recovery Coordinator	Narrower Term

Recovery plans

Plans	Broader Term
Recovery	Broader Term
Disaster plans	Related Term
Disaster recovery	Related Term

Recovery procedures

Procedures taken after the emergency to restore the affected area and people as nearly as possible to a functional state.

Procedures	Broader Term
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Recruitment

Personnel	Related Term
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Red Cross

The worldwide organisation active in humanitarian work.

Non-government organisations	Broader Term
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Relief agencies	Broader Term	Refugees, Political	
Re-engineering		Refugees	Related Term
Management strategies to improve effectiveness of operations and processes.		Refuse	
Organisational change	Related Term	Wastes	Use
Refineries		Refuse disposal	
Petroleum refineries	Related Term	Waste disposal	Use
Refinery fires	Related Term	Registration	
Sugar refineries	Narrower Term	The process of recording details of all people affected by an emergency or disaster whether they are evacuated or remain in the affected area.	
Refinery fires		Emergency management	Related Term
Refineries	Related Term	National Registration and Inquiry System	Narrower Term
Refrigeration		Regulations	
Refrigeration plants	Narrower Term	Legislation	Broader Term
Refrigeration plants		Safety regulations	Narrower Term
Refrigeration	Broader Term	Rehabilitation	
Refrigeration systems	Broader Term	The operations and decisions after a disaster, with the view to restoring to the stricken country, communities, families and individuals the former living conditions, whilst at the same time encouraging and facilitating the necessary adjustments to the changes caused by the disaster.	
Cold storage	Related Term	Disaster relief	Related Term
Refrigeration systems		Industrial hygiene	Related Term
Refrigeration plants	Narrower Term	Reconstruction	Related Term
Refuelling		Relief	
Fuels	Related Term	The provision of immediate shelter, life support and human needs of persons affected by, or responding to, an emergency.	
Aircraft refuelling	Narrower Term	Appeals	Related Term
Refuge fire shelters		Food aid	Related Term
Fire refuge areas	Use	Relief agencies	Related Term
Refugees		Relief operations	Related Term
Persons having a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or public opinion. Includes the mass exodus of peoples for reasons of conflict and natural disasters.		Relief payments	Related Term
Displaced persons	Related Term	Disaster relief	Narrower Term
Refugees health	Related Term	Drought relief	Narrower Term
Refugees political	Related Term	Emergency relief	Narrower Term
Refugees health		War relief	Narrower Term
Displaced persons	Related Term		
Refugees	Related Term		

Relief agencies

Relief organisations	Non-preferred Term
Non-government organisation	Related Term
Relief	Related Term
St John Ambulance Australia	Related Term
Voluntary organisations	Related Term
Red Cross	Narrower Term

Relief operations

Relief	Related Term
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Relief organisations

Relief agencies	Use
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Relief payments

Aid	Related Term
Emergency grants	Related Term
Relief	Related Term

Relocation

Movement of persons and/or organisations to an alternate area

Evacuation	Related Term
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Remote areas

Areas where because of distance, time or circumstance, the medical resources required to adequately manage the event are delayed to the potential detriment of the casualties.

Disaster management	Related Term
Emergency management	Related Term

Remote sensing

The observation and/or study of an area, object or phenomenon from an aerial distance, frequently using data collected by satellite.

Geographic Information Systems	Related Term
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Rescue aircraft

Use of aircraft in sea rescue.

Aircraft	Broader Term
Rescue operations	Related Term
Air sea rescue	Narrower Term

Rescue appliances

Emergency vehicles	Broader Term
Fire appliances	Related Term
Rescue operations	Related Term

Rescue equipment

Equipment	Broader Term
Rescue operations	Related Term
Airbags, rescue equipment	Narrower Term

Rescue operations

The organisation of the safe removal of persons or animals from actual or threatened danger or physical harm.

Rescue work	Non-preferred Term
Rescues	Non-preferred Term
Rescue	Broader Term
Extrication	Related Term
Rescue aircraft	Related Term
Rescue appliances	Related Term
Rescue equipment	Related Term
Rescue teams	Related Term
Search and rescue operations	Related Term
Search operations	Related Term
Urban search and rescue	Related Term
Air sea rescue	Narrower Term
Aircraft rescue	Narrower Term
Avalanche rescue	Narrower Term
Cave rescue	Narrower Term
Confined space rescue	Narrower Term
Flood rescue	Narrower Term
Marine rescue	Narrower Term
Mine rescue work	Narrower Term
Motor vehicle rescue	Narrower Term
Sea rescue	Narrower Term
Trench rescue	Narrower Term
Urban heavy rescue	Narrower Term
Water rescue	Narrower Term

Rescue services

Emergency services	Broader Term
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Rescue teams

Rescue operations	Related Term
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Rescue work

Rescue operations	Use
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Rescues

Rescue operations	Use
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Reservoirs

Artificial lakes, ponds or basins for storage, regulation and control of water, silt, debris or other liquid or liquid-borne materials.

Bunds	Related Term
Dams	Related Term
Spillways	Related Term
Lakes	Related Term
Weirs	Related Term
Flood dams	Narrower Term
Spillage control	Narrower Term

Resettlement

Actions necessary for the permanent settlement of persons dislocated or otherwise affected by a disaster to an area different from their last place of habitation.

Evacuation	Related Term
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Residential buildings

Buildings	Broader Term
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Residual risk

The remaining level of risk after risk treatment measures have been taken.

Risk	Broader Term
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Resource centres

Information services	Related Term
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Resources

All personnel and equipment available, or potentially available, for incident tasks.

Respiration

Breathing apparatus	Related Term
Respirators	Related Term

Respirators

Breathing apparatus	Related Term
Respiration	Related Term

Response

Actions taken in anticipation of, during, and immediately after an emergency to ensure that its effects are minimised, and that people affected are given immediate relief and support.

Fire cover	Related Term
Response time	Related Term
Emergency response	Narrower Term

Response Agency

An agency having a role or responsibility under State Emergency Response Plans or the response arrangements.

Disaster response	Broader Term
Emergency response	Broader Term

Response planning

Contingency planning	Related Term
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Response plans

Plans	Broader Term
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Response time

Alarm systems	Related Term
Detectors	Related Term
Extinguishing systems	Related Term
Response	Related Term

Restricted areas

Declared areas in which defined rigorous conditions apply to the movement in, out of, and within, of specified animals, persons and things.

Control areas	Related Term
Exclusion areas	Related Term
Infected areas	Related Term

Resuscitation

Reviving one who is seriously injured or apparently dead.

Resuscitation orders	Related Term
Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation	Narrower Term

Resuscitation orders

Resuscitation	Related Term
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Revolutions

Insurgencies

Use

Richter scale

An open-ended logarithmic scale used to express the magnitude or total energy of a seismic disturbance (or earthquake). A measure of the amplitude of earthquake waves at their point of origin, giving an indication of how much energy has been released.

Earthquakes

Related Term

Riot control

Riots

Related Term

Riots

Civil disorder

Broader Term

Crowds

Related Term

Panic

Related Term

Riot control

Related Term

Risk

A concept used to describe the likelihood of a consequence arising from a set of circumstances.

Risk analysis

Related Term

Risk communication

Related Term

Risk criteria

Related Term

Risk identification

Related Term

Risk factors

Related Term

Risk level

Related Term

Risk perception

Related Term

Acceptable risk

Narrower Term

Environmental risk

Narrower Term

Incidents

Narrower Term

Individual risk

Narrower Term

Involuntary risk

Narrower Term

Negligible risk

Narrower Term

Residual risk

Narrower Term

Risk assessment

Narrower Term

Risk treatment

Narrower Term

Risk management

Narrower Term

Societal risk

Narrower Term

Technological risk

Narrower Term

Tolerable risk

Narrower Term

Risk analysis

A systematic use of available information to determine how often specific events may occur and the magnitude of their likely consequences.

Hazard audits

Related Term

Risk

Related Term

Risk assessment

Related Term

Risk assessment

The process used to determine risk management priorities by evaluating and comparing the level of risk against predetermined standards, target risk levels or other criteria.

Risk

Broader Term

Risk analysis

Related Term

Risk communication

Interactive processes involving the exchange of information and opinion about risk among individuals, groups, and institutions.

Communication

Broader Term

Risk

Related Term

Risk perception

Related Term

Risk criteria

Standards by which the results of risk assessment can be assessed.

Individual risk

Related Term

Risk

Related Term

Risk factors

Factors

Broader Term

Risk

Related Term

Risk identification

Risk

Related Term

Risk level

The degree of quantitative risk.

Risk

Related Term

Risk management

Related Term

Risk management

The systematic application of management, procedures and practices to the tasks of identifying, analysing, evaluating, treating and monitoring risk.

Risk	Broader Term
Insurance	Related Term
Risk level	Related Term

Risk minimisation

Insurance	Broader Term
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Risk mitigation

Mitigation	Broader Term
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Risk perception

Risk	Related Term
Risk communication	Related Term
Risk reduction	Related Term

Risk reduction

A selective application of appropriate techniques and management principles to reduce either likelihood of an occurrence or its consequences, or both.

Risk perception	Related Term
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Risk treatment

Selection and implementation of appropriate intervention strategies for dealing with risk.

Risk	Broader Term
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Rivers

Glaciers	Related Term
Lakes	Related Term
Creeks	Narrower Term
Streams	Narrower Term

Road accident rescue

The freeing and extrication of trapped people from motor vehicles.

Motor vehicle rescue	Related Term
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Road accidents

Motor vehicle accidents	Non-preferred
Term Accidents	Broader Term
Bus accidents	Related Term

Road safety

Roads	Related Term
Heavy vehicle safety	Narrower Term

Road tankers

Tankers	Broader Term
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Road transport

Road transportation	Use
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Road transportation

Transportation	Broader Term
Motor vehicles	Related Term
Roads	Related Term
Trucks	Narrower Term

Road tunnels

Roads	Broader Term
Tunnels	Broader Term

Roads

Road safety	Related Term
Road transportation	Related Term
Freeways	Narrower Term
Highways	Narrower Term
Road tunnels	Narrower Term

Rock falls

Free-falling or precipitous movement of a newly detached segment of bedrock of any size from a cliff or other very steep slope.

Landslides	Broader Term
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Rope rescue

Cordage	Related Term
Lifelines	Related Term

Royal Flying Doctor Service

Aeromedical services	Related Term
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Runoff

That part of precipitation which flows towards a river on the ground surface (surface runoff) or within the soil (subsurface runoff or interflow).

Floods	Related Term
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Rural areas

Country areas

Non-preferred Term

S**Sabotage**

Terrorism

Related Term

Safe areas

Shelters

Related Term

Safety audits

Hazard audits

Use

Safety education

Education

Broader Term

Public safety

Related Term

Public education

Narrower Term

Safety equipment

Airbags, safety equipment

Narrower Term

Safety regulations

Regulations

Broader Term

Sailing

Boats and boating

Related Term

Salination

Desalination

Related Term

Salvage

Mopping up

Related Term

Salvage operations

The clean-up of debris after an incident including salvage.

Mopping up

Related Term

Salvation Army

Non-government organisations

Related Term

Sand storms

Storms

Broader Term

Sanitation

The application of measures and techniques aimed at ensuring and improving general hygiene to the community.

Public health

Related Term

Satellite communication systems

Satellites	Broader Term
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Satellite communications

Radio communications	Related Term
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Satellites

Global positioning system	Related Term
Meteorological satellites	Narrower Term

Schools

Buildings	Broader Term
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Sea level

Sea level rise	Related Term
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Sea level rise

Global warming	Related Term
Sea level	Related Term

Sea rescue

Rescue operations	Broader Term
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Sea surges

Rises in sea level that results in the inundation of areas along the coastlines caused by movement of ocean and sea current, winds and major storms.

Storm surges	Related Term
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Sea transportation

Transportation	Broader Term
Ships	Related Term

Search and rescue

The process of locating and recovering disaster victims and the application of first aid and basic medical assistance as may be required.

Urban search and rescue	Related Term
Search and rescue operations	Narrower Term

Search and rescue operations

Operations related to the location and recovery of disaster victims.

Search and rescue	Broader Term
Rescue operations	Related Term
Rescue operations	Related Term
Search operations	Related Term
Urban heavy rescue	Related Term
Air sea rescue	Narrower Term
Informed consent	Narrower Term
Urban search and rescue	Narrower Term

Search operations

Searches	Broader Term
Land searches	Related Term
Rescue operations	Related Term
Search and rescue operations	Related Term

Searches

Search operations	Narrower Term
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Secondary hazards

Hazards occurring as a result of another hazard or disaster.

Hazards	Broader Term
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Security

Information security	Narrower Term
Internal security	Narrower Term
National security	Narrower Term

Security systems

Alarm systems	Related Term
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Seismic risk

Earthquake risk	Use
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Seismic safety

Earthquake safety	Use
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Seismic zones

A region within which there is an obvious grouping of earthquake epicentres

Earthquakes	Related Term
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Seismology

The study of earthquakes, seismic sources and wave propagation through the earth.

Earthquakes Related Term

Service evaluation

Business Related Term

Management Related Term

Performance standards Related Term

Service stations

Petrol stations Non-preferred Term

Buildings Broader Term

Fuel depots Related Term

Services, Marketing

Marketing of safety, fire safety, road safety programs and services.

Marketing Broader Term

Severe storms

Storms Broader Term

Sewage

Sewage disposal Related Term

Wastes

Sewage disposal

Sewage Related Term

Shafts, Evacuation

Earthwork excavation Broader Term

Ventilation Related Term

Mine shafts Narrower Term

Shelters

Physical protection requirements of disaster victims who no longer have access to normal habitation facilities.

Emergency accommodation Related Term

Evacuation areas Related Term

Safe areas Related Term

Temporary accommodation Related Term

Bomb shelters Narrower Term

Emergency shelters Narrower Term

Fallout shelters Narrower Term

Public shelters Narrower Term

Ships

Life boats Related Term

Sea transportation Related Term

Boats and boating Narrower Term

Cargo ships Narrower Term

Container ships Narrower Term

Ferries Narrower Term

Passenger ships Narrower Term

Tanker ships Narrower Term

Tankers Narrower Term

Warships Narrower Term

Shipwrecks

Maritime disasters Broader Term

Shock

Electric shocks Narrower Term

Toxic shock Narrower Term

Traumatic shock Narrower Term

Shock waves

Blast wave Use

Shootings

Crime Related Term

Shopping centres

Malls Narrower Term

Sieges

Hostages Related Term

Signals

Communications Related Term

Sirens Related Term

Signs and signboards

Codes Related Term

Simulation methods

Exercises Related Term

Simulation training

Drills Related Term

Mock disaster training Related Term

Sirens

Signals Related Term

Vehicle warning systems	Related Term		
Small business			
Business continuity	Related Term		
Business planning	Related Term		
Business recovery	Related Term		
Smoke			
Carbon or soot particles or tarry droplets less than 0.1 micrometre in size, and suspended in air, which result from the incomplete combustion of carbonaceous materials such as coal or oil.			
Combustion products	Broader Term		
Gases	Related Term		
Vapours	Related Term		
Smoke damage			
Damage	Broader Term		
Fire damage	Broader Term		
Snow storms			
Storms	Broader Term		
Blizzards	Narrower Term		
Social change			
Sociology	Broader Term		
Societal risk			
The risk of a number of fatalities occurring. The societal risk concept is based on the premise that society is more concerned with incidents which kill a larger number of people than incidents which kill fewer numbers.			
Risk	Broader Term		
Group risk	Related Term		
Individual risk	Related Term		
Sociology			
Socio-economic population.	characterisation	of	
Demography	Related Term		
Social change	Narrower Term		
Socio-technological disasters			
Disasters arising from the interaction between people and technology.			
Disasters	Broader Term		
Technological disasters	Related Term		
Soil conservation			
Conservation	Broader Term		
Soil contamination			
Soil pollution	Use		
Soil creep			
Landslides	Related Term		
Soil degradation			
Land degradation	Use		
Soil erosion			
Erosion	Broader Term		
Soil pollution			
Soil contamination	Non-preferred Term		
Pollution	Broader Term		
Atmospheric pollution	Related Term		
Water pollution	Related Term		
Solar energy			
Fuels	Broader Term		
Solar radiation			
Radiation	Broader Term		
Greenhouse effect, atmospheric	Related Term		
Space debris			
Debris	Broader Term		
Special events			
Events	Broader Term		
Olympic Games	Related Term		
Spectator control			
Crowd control	Use		
Spillage control			
Reservoirs	Broader Term		
Booms	Related Term		
Bunds	Related Term		
Spills			
Leakage	Related Term		
Maritime disasters	Related Term		
Chemical spills	Narrower Term		

Hazardous materials spills	Narrower Term	Relief agencies	Related Term
Spillways		Stadiums	
Weirs, conduits, tunnels, channels or other structures designed to permit discharges from the reservoir when water levels rise above the crest controlling flow down or into the spillway structure.		Grandstands	Related Term
Dams	Related Term	Sports grounds	Related Term
Reservoirs	Related Term	Staging areas	
Spinal cord injuries		A prearranged, strategically placed area where support response personnel, vehicles and other equipment can be held in readiness for use during an emergency.	
Accidents, Wounds and injuries	Broader Term	Disaster management	Broader Term
Wounds and injuries	Broader Term	Emergency management	Broader Term
Immobilisation	Related Term	Standard operating procedures	
Spineboards		A set of directions detailing what actions should be taken, as well as how, when, by whom and why, for specific events or tasks.	
Backboards	Non-preferred Term	Standing operating procedures	Non-preferred Term
Cervical collars	Related Term	Procedures	Broader Term
Immobilisation	Related Term	Emergency operations manual	Related Term
Spontaneous combustion		Emergency procedures	Related Term
(a) The process of increase in temperature of a material to a point of ignition without drawing heat from its surroundings		Standards	
(b) A biological or chemical reaction which produces heating to point of ignition resulting in combustion.		Building codes	Related Term
Combustion	Broader Term	Fire protection	Related Term
Spontaneous ignition		Hazardous materials standards	Narrower Term
Ignition	Broader Term	Performance standards	Narrower Term
Sports grounds		Standby	
Grandstands	Related Term	That period normally following alert when deployment of resources is imminent.	
Stadiums	Related Term	Procedures	Broader Term
Spot fires		Standing operating procedures	
Isolated fires started ahead of the main fire by sparks, embers or other ignited material, sometimes to a distance of several kilometres.		Standard operating procedures	Use
Fires	Broader Term	State Emergency Service (SES)	
St John Ambulance Australia		Emergency personnel	Related Term
A national charitable organisation dedicated to the relief of persons in sickness, distress, suffering or danger.		Territory Emergency Services	Related Term
Non-government organisations	Related Term	State of alert	
		A condition that may be declared when an occurrence or an impending occurrence is	

likely to cause loss of life or injury to persons.

Alerts Broader Term

State of disaster

A condition that may be declared under a State Emergency Services Act by the Governor or the Premier when, on the recommendation of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, it appears that a disaster has occurred.

Declaration of disaster Related Term
Disasters Related Term

State of emergency

Declaration of disaster Related Term

State Recovery Coordinator

Recovery management Broader Term

Statutory authorities

Organisations Broader Term

Sterilisation

Disinfection Related Term

Stockpiling

Storage Broader Term

Storage

Hazardous materials storage Narrower Term
Stockpiling Narrower Term
Water storage Narrower Term

Storage tanks

Fuel storage tanks Related Term
Underground storage tanks Narrower Term

Storm damage

Damage Broader Term
Storms Related Term

Storm surges

A sudden rise of sea as a result of high winds and low atmospheric pressure; sometimes called a storm tide, storm wave, or tidal wave. Generally affects only coastal areas but may intrude some distance inland.

Cyclone surges Non-preferred Term

Storm tide Non-preferred Term
Storms Broader Term
Sea surges Related Term
Tsunamis Related Term

Storm tide

Storm surges Use

Storm warnings

Any forecast of severe weather conditions.
Warning systems Broader Term
Warnings Broader Term

Storms

Atmospheric disturbances involving perturbations of the prevailing pressure and wind fields, on scales ranging from tornadoes (1 km across) to extra-tropical cyclones (2000-3000 km across).

Natural disasters Broader Term
Deluges Related Term
Gales Related Term
Storm damage Related Term
Dust storms Narrower Term
Fire storms Narrower Term
Hail storms Narrower Term
Ice storms Narrower Term
Monsoons Narrower Term
Sand storms Narrower Term
Severe storms Narrower Term
Snow storms Narrower Term
Storm surges Narrower Term
Thunderstorms Narrower Term
Weather hazards Narrower Term
Windstorms Narrower Term

Strategic management

Management Broader Term

Strategic planning

Planning Broader Term

Strategic plans

Plans Broader Term

Streams

Rivers Broader Term

Stress, physiology

Counselling	Related Term
Fatigue	Related Term
Human behaviour	Related Term
Stress management	Related Term
Trauma	Related Term
Heat stress	Narrower Term
Critical incident stress	Narrower Term
Occupational stress	Narrower Term
Physiological stress	Narrower Term
Post traumatic stress	Narrower Term

Stress management

Personnel	Related Term
Stress (physiology)	Related Term
Trauma management	Related Term

Structural design

Building construction	Narrower Term
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Structural engineering

Building construction	Narrower Term
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Structural factors

Factors	Broader Term
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Structural failures

Bridge failures	Related Term
Building collapse	Related Term
Building failures	Narrower Term

Structures

Buildings	Use
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Subsidence

Collapse of a considerable area of land surface, due to the removal of liquid or solid underlying or removal of soluble material by means of water.

Landslides	Related Term
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Subways

Underground railways	Related Term
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Sugar refineries

Refineries	Broader Term
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Suicide

Deaths	Broader Term
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Supervision

Personnel management	Broader Term
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Support agencies

Agencies which provide essential services, personnel, or material to support to assist a control agency or affected persons.

Control agencies Broader Term

Survival

Survival period Related Term
Survival rate Related Term
Survival skills Related Term
Survival techniques Related Term

Survival period

Survival Related Term

Survival rate

Survival Related Term

Survival skills

Survival Related Term

Survival techniques

Survival Related Term

Survivors

Victims Related Term

Systems failures

Failures Broader Term

T**Table top exercises**

An umbrella term for some types of indoor discussion.

Education Broader Term
Drills Related Term
Exercises Broader Term

Tanker fires

Oil fires Related Term

Tanker ship fires

Fires Broader Term
Tanker ships Related Term

Tanker ships

Ships Broader Term
Tankers Broader Term
Cargo ships Related Term
Tanker ship fires Related Term

Tankers

Oil tankers Non-preferred
Term
Ships Broader Term
Chemical carriers (tankers) Narrower Term
Rail tankers Narrower Term
Road tankers Narrower Term
Tanker ships Narrower Term

Tanks

Water tanks Related Term
Liquefied petroleum gas
tanks Narrower Term
Oil tanks Narrower Term

Teaching

Education Related Term
Computer assisted
instruction Narrower Term

Technological disasters

Disasters arising from other than natural causes and include biological, chemical, nuclear, transport and terrorist instigated disasters.

Disasters	Broader Term
Technology	Broader Term
Socio-technological disasters	Related Term

Technological hazards

A hazard of a technological origin, as opposed to a hazard of a natural origin.

Hazards	Broader Term
Technology	Broader Term
Chemical hazards	Related Term
Radiation hazards	Related Term

Technological risk

Risk	Broader Term
Technology	Broader Term

Technology

Information management	Related Term
Technological disasters	Narrower Term
Technological hazards	Narrower Term
Technological risk	Narrower Term

Teenagers

Adolescents	Use
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Telecommunications

Communications	Broader Term
Radio communications	Related Term
Telecommunication systems	Narrower Term
Mobile telephones	Narrower Term
Telephone systems	Narrower Term

Telecommunication systems

Telecommunications	Broader Term
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Telephone systems

Telecommunications	Broader Term
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Television

Media	Broader Term
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Temperature

Body temperature	Narrower Term
Temperature measurement	Narrower Term

Temperature measurement

Temperature	Broader Term
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Temporary accommodation

Accommodation provided over an extended period of days, weeks or months, for individuals or families affected by an emergency.

Billeting	Related Term
Emergency accommodation	Related Term
Emergency housing	Related Term
Temporary housing	Related Term
Shelters	Related Term

Temporary housing

Emergency housing	Related Term
Emergency shelters	Related Term
Temporary accommodation	Related Term

Tephra

Volcanic ash	Use
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Terminals, Transportation

Airport terminals	Narrower Term
Railway terminals	Narrower Term

Terminology

Medical terminology	Narrower Term
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Terrorism

The calculated use of violence or the threat of violence to attain goals that are political, religious or ideological in nature.

Bombings	Related Term
Sabotage	Related Term

Testing

Examinations	Related Term
Tests	Related Term

Tests

Examination	Use
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Therapeutics

Treatment	Broader Term
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Thermal burns

Burns and scalds	Broader Term
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Thermal imaging

Infrared cameras	Related Term
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Thermal radiation

Radiation	Broader Term
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Threat, Psychological

Hazards	Broader Term
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Thunderstorms

Sudden electrical discharges manifested by a flash of light (lightning) and a sharp or rumbling sound (thunder).

Storms	Broader Term
Lightning	Related Term

Tidal waves

Tsunamis	Use
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Time factors

Factors	Broader Term
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Time management

Management	Broader Term
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Tolerable risks

Risks which the exposed people are expected to bear without undue concern, once all reasonable practicable reduction measures have been adopted.

Tornadoes

Violently rotating storms of small diameter; the most violent weather phenomenon. It is produced in a very severe thunder storm and appears as a funnel cloud extending from the base of a cumulonimbus to the ground.

Twisters	Non-preferred
Term	
Weather hazards	Broader Term
Cyclones	Related Term
Hurricanes	Related Term

Torres Strait Islanders

Aborigines	Related Term
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Tourism

Tourists	Narrower Term
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Tourists

Tourism	Broader Term
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Toxic chemicals

Toxic materials	Use
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Toxic effect

The property of an agent to produce damage to an organism.

Toxic shock	Related Term
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Toxic gases

Toxic materials	Broader Term
Poisons	Related Term

Toxic liquids

Toxic materials	Broader Term
Poisons	Related Term

Toxic materials

Materials or substances which are liable to cause death or serious injury to health if swallowed, inhaled or by skin contact or by direct infection through organisms.

Toxic chemicals	Non-preferred Term
Toxic substances	Non-preferred Term
Hazardous materials	Broader Term
Poisons	Related Term
Toxicity	Related Term
Toxic gases	Narrower Term
Toxic liquids	Narrower Term

Toxic shock

Shock	Broader Term
Toxic effect	Related Term
Toxic shock syndrome	Narrower Term

Toxic shock syndrome

Toxic shock	Broader Term
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Toxic substances

Toxic materials	Use
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Toxic wastes

Hazardous wastes	Use
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Toxicity

The degree of being poisonous; the capability of a poisonous compound to produce deleterious effects on organisms such as alteration to behavioural patterns or biological productivity or death.

Toxic materials Related Term

Toxicology

(a) The science of poisons, harmful chemical substances, organic toxins, and of their detection, effects, elimination and antidotes

(b) The study of chemical substances which exert deleterious effects on living organisms, their chemistry in relation to their mode of action, antidotes, and physiological effects.

Poisons Related Term

Traffic

Transportation Broader Term

Training

Drills	Related Term
Education	Related Term
Fire drills	Related Term
Training facilities	Related Term
Training programs	Related Term
Ambulance services training	Narrower Term
Emergency medical training	Narrower Term
In-service training	Narrower Term
Training courses	Narrower Term
Training exercises	Narrower Term
Training needs analysis	Narrower Term

Training courses

Education	Broader Term
Training	Broader Term

Training exercises

Education	Broader Term
Exercises	Broader Term

Training facilities

Education	Broader Term
Training	Related Term
Universities and colleges	Related Term

Training needs analysis

Education	Broader Term
Training	Broader Term

Training programs

Training	Broader Term
Education	Broader Term

Trains

Railways	Related Term
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Trams

Transportation	Broader Term
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Translation

Communicating	Broader Term
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Transportation

Air transportation	Narrower Term
Ambulance transport	Narrower Term
Fuel transport	Narrower Term
Rail transportation	Narrower Term
Road transportation	Narrower Term
Sea transportation	Narrower Term
Traffic	Narrower Term
Trams	Narrower Term

Trauma

Injury of any nature.

Post traumatic stress	Related Term
Stress, Physiology	Related Term
Traumatic stress	Narrower Term

Trauma counselling

Critical incident stress debriefing	Related Term
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Trauma management

Stress management	Related Term
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Traumatic shock

Shock	Broader Term
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Traumatic stress

Trauma	Broader Term
Critical incident stress	Related Term
Post traumatic stress	Related Term
Psychological debriefing	Related Term

Psychological stress

Related Term

Treatment

Therapeutics	Narrower Term
Treatment priority	Narrower Term
Treatment refusal	Narrower Term
Treatment withdrawal	Narrower Term
Waste treatment	Narrower Term

Treatment priority

Treatment	Broader Term
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Treatment refusal

Treatment	Broader Term
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Treatment withdrawal

Treatment	Broader Term
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Trees

Forestry	Related Term
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Tremor

A shaking movement of the ground associated with earthquakes or explosions.

Earthquakes	Related Term
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Trench rescue

Rescue operations	Broader Term
Trenches	Broader Term
Confined space	Related Term

Trenches

Trench rescue	Related Term
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Triage, Medicine

The process by which casualties are sorted, prioritised and distributed according to their need for first aid, resuscitation, emergency transportation and definitive care.

Casualty clearing stations	Related Term
Disaster medicine	Related Term
Emergency medicine	Related Term
First aid	Related Term
Medicine	Related Term
Patient assessment	Related Term

Tropical cyclones

Cyclones	Broader Terms
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Trucks

Motor vehicles	Broader Term
Road transportation	Broader Term

Tsunami Intensity Scale

An intensity scale providing descriptions of six levels of tsunami intensity.

Tsunamis	Related Term
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Tsunami warning systems

Forecasting	Broader Term
Tsunamis	Related Term

Tsunamis

A water wave generated by a sudden change in the sea bed resulting from an earthquake, volcanic eruption or landslide.

Tidal waves	Non-preferred Term
Natural disasters	Broader Term
Earthquake hazards	Related Term
Storm surges	Related Term
Tsunami Intensity Scale	Related Term
Tsunami warning systems	Related Term

Tunnelling

Blasts	Related Term
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Tunnels

Railway tunnels	Narrower Term
Road tunnels	Narrower Term

Twisters

Tornadoes	Use
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Typhoons

The name given to a tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 64 knots or more near the centre in the western North Pacific.

Weather hazards	Broader Term
Cyclones	Related Term
Hurricanes	Related Term
Monsoons	Related Term
Natural disasters	Related Term

U

Ultraviolet radiation

Non-ionising radiation	Broader Term
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Underground railways

Railways	Broader Term
Subways	Related Term

Underground storage tanks

Storage tanks	Broader Term
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Unified Command System

A method for all agencies or individuals who have jurisdictional responsibility, or in some cases who have functional responsibilities at the incident, to contribute determination of overall objectives for the incident and selection of strategies to achieve the objectives.

Incident management	Related Term
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Unions

Industrial relations	Broader Term
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Universities

Training facilities	Related Term
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Urban areas

Cities and towns	Related Term
Urban planning	Related Term
Urban interface	Narrower Term

Urban fire detection

Fire fighting operations	Related Term
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Urban heavy rescue

Rescue operations	Broader Term
Search and rescue operations	Related Term

Urban interface

Urban rural interface	Non-preferred Term
Urban areas	Broader Term

Urban planning

Planning	Broader Term
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Urban areas	Related Term
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Urban rural interface	
Urban interface	Use
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Urban search and rescue	
An integrated multi-agency response, which is beyond the capability of normal rescue arrangements, to locate, provide initial medical care, and remove entrapped persons from damaged structures and other environments in a safe and expeditious manner.	
Search and rescue operations	Broader Term
Rescue operations	Related Term
Search and rescue	Related Term
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Urbanisation	
Demography	Related Term

V

Vaccination

Method of preventing certain infectious diseases by conferring active immunity in a person through the introduction, by injection/ingestion/application, of certain preparations called vaccines which reinforce the resistance of the body.

Immunisation Related Term

Vandalism

Crime Related Term

Vapours

Gaseous form of a substance which is normally in the solid or liquid state at room temperature and pressure.

Dusts Related Term
Fumes Related Term
Gases Related Term
Smoke Related Term

Vector control

(a) Control of insects capable of transmitting disease

(b) Measures taken to decrease the number of disease carrying organisms (vectors) and to diminish the risk of their spreading infectious disease.

Vectors Broader Term

Vectors

An insect or other organism transmitting exotic animal disease agents.

Exotic animal diseases Related Term
Vector control Narrower Term

Vehicle rescue

Motor vehicle rescue Related Term
Vehicles Related Term

Vehicle warning systems

Vehicles Broader Term
Warning systems Broader Term
Sirens Related Term

Vehicles

Vehicle rescue	Related Term
Automatic vehicle location	Narrower Term
Emergency vehicles	Narrower Term
Motor vehicles	Narrower Term
Vehicle warning systems	Narrower Term

Ventilation

Buildings	Related Term
Shafts, evacuation	Related Term

Vermin

Rodents capable of transmitting disease.

Pest control	Related Term
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Veterinary medicine

Animal diseases	Related Term
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Viaducts

Bridges	Use
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Victim identification

Disaster victim identification	Use
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Victims

Persons adversely affected by an incident.

Fatalities	Related Term
Survivors	Related Term
Casualties	Narrower Term
Disaster victims	Narrower Term
Victims of crime	Narrower Term

Victims of crime

Victims	Broader Term
Crime	Related Term

Violence

Crime	Related Term
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Volcanic ash

Fragmented rock and ash ejected by a volcanic eruption.

Tephra	Non-preferred Term
Volcanoes	Related Term
Railway terminals	Narrower Term

Volcanic eruptions

Warning systems	Broader Term
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Volcanic hazard assessment

Volcanoes	Broader Term
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Volcanoes

An opening in the crust that has allowed magma to reach the surface.

Natural disasters	Broader Term
Volcanic ash	Related Term
Volcanic hazard assessment	Narrower Term

Voluntary agencies

Non-government organisation	Use
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Voluntary organisations

Organisations	Broader Term
Associations	Related Term
Relief agencies	Related Term
Welfare services	Related Term
Welfare support	Related Term

Volunteer recruitment

Volunteers	Broader Term
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Volunteer retention

Volunteers	Broader Term
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Volunteers

Emergency service personnel	Narrower Term
Emergency services volunteers	Narrower Term
Volunteer recruitment	Narrower Term
Volunteer retention	Narrower Term
Volunteers legal status	Narrower Term

Volunteers legal status

Volunteers	Broader Term
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Vulcanology

The scientific study of volcanoes.

Vulnerability

The degree of susceptibility of the environment to a hazard.

Disaster vulnerability	Narrower Term
Vulnerability analysis	Narrower Term
Vulnerability assessment	Narrower Term
Vulnerability reduction	Narrower Term

Vulnerability analysis

Assessment of elements in the community that are subject to damage should a hazardous materials release occur.

Vulnerability	Broader Term
Vulnerability assessment	Related Term

Vulnerability assessment

Vulnerability	Broader Term
Hazard assessment	Related Term
Vulnerability analysis	Related Term

Vulnerability mapping

Mapping	Related Term
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Vulnerability reduction

Vulnerability	Broader Term
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W

War relief

Relief	Broader Term
Wars	Related Term

War victims

Wars	Related Term
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Wardens

A person who, during an emergency, assumes control over a building and its occupants and is the prime contact with the appropriate emergency service.

Fire wardens	Non-preferred Term
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Warfare

Invasions	Related Term
Aerial bombing	Narrower Term
Biological warfare	Narrower Term
Chemical warfare	Narrower Term
Nuclear warfare	Narrower Term

Warning systems

Alarm systems	Narrower Term
Cyclone warning systems	Narrower Term
Dam failure warning systems	Narrower Term
Early warning systems	Narrower Term
Earthquake warning systems	Narrower Term
Flood warning systems	Narrower Term
Flood warnings	Narrower Term
Storm warnings	Narrower Term
Vehicle warning systems	Narrower Term
Volcanic eruptions	Narrower Term

Warnings

Dissemination of messages signalling imminent hazard which may include advice on protective measures.

Alarms	Related Term
Alerts	Related Term
Disaster Warnings	Related Term
Flood Warnings	Narrower Term
Storm warnings	Narrower Term

Wars

War relief	Related Term
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War victims	Related Term	Water	
Warships		Waste water	Related Term
Ships	Broader Term	Water bombing	Related Term
		Water conservation	Related Term
Waste disposal		Water curtains	Related Term
Refuse disposal	Non-preferred Term	Water damage	Related Term
Wastes	Broader Term	Water pollution	Related Term
Waste management	Related Term	Water quality	Related Term
Waste products	Related Term	Water rescue	Related Term
Chemical industry waste disposal	Narrower Term	Water storage	Related Term
Radioactive waste disposal	Narrower Term	Water supply	Related Term
		Drinking water	Narrower Term
Waste disposal sites		Water bombing	
Wastes	Broader Term	Dropping of large quantities of water from the air to assist in fire control.	
Landfill	Related Term	Bombing, water	Non-preferred Term
Radioactive waste sites	Narrower Term	Aerial bombing	Related Term
		Aerial fire fighting	Related Term
Waste management		Water	Related Term
The total process of waste collection, from its point of generation through to its transportation, treatment, and final acceptable disposal.			
Wastes	Broader Term	Water conservation	
Waste disposal	Related Term	Water	Related Term
Waste treatment	Related Term	Water curtains	
		Drenchers	Related Term
Waste products		Water	Related Term
Waste disposal	Related Term	Water damage	
		Flood damage	Related Term
Waste treatment		Water	Related Term
Treatment	Broader Term	Damage	Broader Term
Waste management	Related Term	Water pollution	
		Pollution	Broader Term
Waste water		Environmental impact	Related Term
Water	Related Term	Soil pollution	Related Term
		Water	Related Term
Wastes		Water quality	
Refuse	Non-preferred Term	Algae	Related Term
Sewage	Related Term	Water	Related Term
Biological hazardous wastes	Narrower Term	Water rescue	
Medical wastes	Narrower Term	Rescue operations	Broader Term
Radioactive wastes	Narrower Term	Drowning	Related Term
Toxic wastes	Narrower Term	Water	Related Term
Waste disposal	Narrower Term		
Waste disposal sites	Narrower Term		
Waste management	Narrower Term		

Water storage

Storage	Broader Term
Water	Related Term

Water supply

Water	Related Term
Wells	Related Term

Water table

In an aquifer (a layer of rock which holds water or allows water to percolate through it), the upper limit of the portion of ground saturated with water.

Hydrology	Related Term
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Water tanks

Containers capable of storing a large volume of water.

Tanks	Related Term
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Watershed

All land within the confines of a drainage divide.

Weapons

Chemical weapons	Narrower Term
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Weather

Fire weather	Related Term
Meteorological satellites	Related Term
Weather alerts	Related Term
Weather control	Related Term
Weather hazards	Related Term
Weather satellites	Related Term

Weather alerts

A warning broadcast on radio or television of an approaching storm or gale, or of an impending cold change.

Alerts	Broader Term
Weather	Related Term

Weather control

Weather	Related Term
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Weather forecasting

Forecasts	Broader Term
Weather forecasting	Related Term
Long range weather forecasts	Narrower Term

Weather hazards

Natural hazards	Broader Term
Weather	Related Term
Cyclones	Narrower Term
Fog	Narrower Term
Frost	Narrower Term
Hurricanes	Narrower Term
Lightning	Narrower Term
Rain and rainfall	Narrower Term
Storms	Narrower Term
Tornadoes	Narrower Term
Typhoons	Narrower Term

Weather satellites

Weather	Broader Term
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Weirs

Barrages	Related Term
Dams	Related Term
Reservoirs	Related Term

Welfare

The provision of immediate and continuing care of emergency affected persons who may be threatened, distressed, disadvantaged, homeless or evacuated; and, the maintenance of health, well-being and prosperity of such persons with all available community resources until their rehabilitation is achieved.

Disaster recovery	Related Term
Welfare services	Related Term
Welfare support	Related Term

Welfare services

Emergency services	Broader Term
Non-profit organisations	Related Term
Public welfare	Related Term
Voluntary organisations	Related Term
Welfare	Related Term

Welfare support

Voluntary organisations	Related Term
Welfare	Related Term
Disaster welfare services	Narrower Term
Personal support services	Narrower Term

Wells

Water supply	Related Term
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Wetland management

Wetlands	Broader Term
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Wetlands

Wetland management	Narrower Term
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Wharves

Piers	Related Term
Ports	Related Term

Wildfire control

Wildfires	Broader Term
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Wildfire fighters

Bush fire fighters	Use
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Wildfires

Unplanned fire in vegetation.

Fires	Broader Term
Bush fires	Related Term
Grass fires	Narrower Term
Wildfire control	Narrower Term

Wildlife

Animals	Use
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Wind damage

Damage	Broader Term
Cyclone damage	Related Term
Winds	Related Term

Wind force

A number on a Beaufort scale corresponding to the effects produced by winds within a range of speeds.

Beaufort scale	Related Term
Winds	Related Term

Wind pressure

The total force exerted upon a surface by wind.

Winds	Related Term
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Windbreaks

A barrier used to decrease the wind spread.

Wind storms	Related Term
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Winds

Gusts	Related Term
Wind damage	Related Term
Wind force	Related Term
Wind pressure	Related Term
Windbreaks	Related Term
Windstorms	Related Term
Gales	Narrower Term

Windstorms

Storms	Broader Term
Winds	Related Term

Witnesses

Evidence, expert	Related Term
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Workers

Emergency workers	Related Term
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Wounds and injuries

Harm of any kind done or sustained.

Injuries	Broader term
First aid	Related Term
Injury prevention	Related Term
Accidents, wounds and injuries	Narrower Term
Blast injuries	Narrower Term
Burns and scalds	Narrower Term
Crush injuries	Narrower Term
Diving injuries	Narrower Term
Spinal cord injuries	Narrower Term

Z

Zonation

The division of an area, country, or region into zones according to its disaster incidence rate or intensity

Earthquake hazard analysis Related Term

Zone management

Zones Broader Term
Control area Related Term

Zones

The geographical area comprising two or more regions.

Land use zoning	Related Term
Coastal zone management	Narrower Term
Control areas	Narrower Term
Emergency planning zones	Narrower Term
Zone management	Narrower Term

Zoning

Land use zoning	Broader Term
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Zoonoses

Diseases transferred from animals to humans.

Diseases	Broader Term
Animal diseases	Related Term
Exotic animal diseases	Related Term
Quarantine	Related Term

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