

Community Response Plan

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The community looking after
the community in an emergency



BAY OF PLENTY
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

GROUP

Is your community ready?

When a natural disaster hits, the community may need to take care of itself for up to three days before help can arrive.

This Community Response Plan (CRP) has been developed to ensure there are measures in place to help the community look after itself.

The purpose of this community response plan is to:

- Help understand the hazards that exist in your community.
- Know what level of risk these hazards pose to your community.
- Know what can be done to prepare yourself, and those who depend on you, to survive through an emergency.
- Know the warning signs to evacuate, and where to evacuate to.
- Be able to respond to an emergency to support the community without any immediate help from emergency services or civil defence emergency management.



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Keep up to date during and after an event by downloading the Red Cross Hazard App, listen to the radio and TV and by checking our website and Facebook page.



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Our community

Placeholder area consisting of 14 horizontal light blue bars, likely representing redacted text or a list of items.

Hazards

Natural Hazard History

(What hazards have affected the community in the past?)

Hazard 1

Hazard 2

Hazard 3

Hazard 4

Hazard 5

Preparedness

How we will promote preparedness in the community

Preparedness tip 1

Preparedness tip 2

Preparedness tip 3

Preparedness tip 4

Preparedness tip 5

Alerts and warning signals

Severe weather events

The community are usually forewarned of severe weather events through weather reports issued by the MetService www.metservice.com (New Zealand's designated national meteorological service). It is important to stay updated on weather events, particularly if your property/community is susceptible to flooding. You can find out about the flooding risk in your area by contacting your local council. If there is a severe weather warning in place and you need to drive, you should also consider rescheduling your journey or planning ahead by checking www.nzta.govt.nz for any possible road closures.

Earthquakes

Some areas of the Bay of Plenty are very vulnerable to earthquakes and in the event that you experience one, remember to Drop, Cover and Hold. There will be no warning for an earthquake but once you have checked on your safety and that of those around you, you should tune into your local radio station for more information.

Local Source Tsunami

Potentially 50 minutes or less notice of arrival

THINK LONG OR STRONG, GET GONE. In a local source tsunami there will be no time for an official warning and you will have to rely on the natural warning signs!

If you feel an earthquake that lasts LONGER than a minute or is STRONG enough to knock you off your feet, you should move immediately inland or to higher ground (GONE). Other natural warning signs you might also notice are sudden or unusual changes in the tide and loud roaring noises (like a jet engine) from out at sea.

Once you have moved inland or to higher ground you should wait until you are advised it is safe to return.

Regional and distance source tsunami

Potentially 1-3 hours' notice of arrival

Currently there are no tsunami sirens the Bay of Plenty. Bay of Plenty Civil Defence uses Emergency Mobile Alerts and Red Cross Hazard App to alert the public. Other platforms used to inform the public include; social media (such as Facebook, Twitter and our website), radio and television). You can find out more about our alerting platforms and how to sign up by visiting our website at www.bopcivildefence.govt.nz

It is vital that people subscribe to these alerts and know where they can find information during a disaster. Informal warnings may also come from friends, family, colleagues and other members of the public though this information may need to be verified.

Other Emergency Incidents

(e.g. rural fire or a hazardous spill)

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Possible Community Led Centres

Community Led Centre 1

Location

Contact person/s

Phone

Facility description

Community Led Centre 2

Location

Contact person/s

Phone

Facility description

Community Led Centre 3

Location

Contact person/s

Phone

Facility description

Community Led Centre 4

Location

Contact person/s

Phone

Facility description



Alternative communications

Method	Contact details

Radio stations

Station	Frequency

Wider community communications

Notice boards with latest information and community messaging will be located at:

Vulnerable groups

Group 1

Group 2

Group 3

Group 4

Call out procedure

These are instructions for members of the Community Response Group for initiating their pre-planned roles

- Arrange to meet at
- Liaise to determine what actions should be taken
- Consider who might be affected and how
- Consider if you will establish a Community Led Centre and which centre/s this could be.
- Activate community warning systems (eg: phone tree, notice boards, social media etc)
- Contact your local Emergency Operations Centre at your local council (call customer service number) to inform them of what actions have been undertaken. Explain that you are from a community response team and ask to speak to the Operations team in the Emergency Operation Centre.

Sign-off procedure

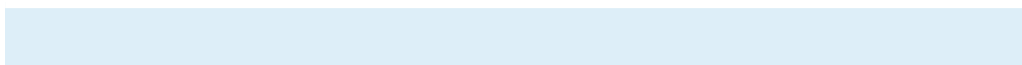
This community-driven response plan is owned and developed by the community; it is not imposed by your local council or Civil Defence.

The plan is developed by representatives of stakeholder agencies and organisations within the community, who form a working team with the goal of completing and maintaining the plan. The process of developing the plan can be supported by an Emergency Management Advisor.


Ownership of the plan stays with the community, represented by the stakeholder team.

Once your Community Response Team has finalised the plan, it is signed off by the team leader and a council representative.

Team Leader



**Council
representative**





Notes

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