

National Preparedness Month

Is your Healthcare Facility Prepared?



The 2017 hurricane season caused

\$200 billion
worth of damages in the U.S.

In 2018, Californians witnessed the **Carr and Mendocino Complex** fires cause

\$845 million
in insured losses.



<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/11/2017-hurricane-season-most-expensive-us-history-apid/>
<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-fr-wildfire-insurance-claims-20180906-story.html>

As a healthcare facility, THE LIVES OF YOUR PATIENTS AND STAFF DEPEND ON YOUR PREPAREDNESS FOR A DISASTER.

Take these **5 steps for emergency preparedness** to make sure your facility is ready for when disaster strikes :



1. Facility Risk Assessment

A multidisciplinary process that includes representatives from all services involved in emergency situations including infection control, infectious disease, and safety staff.



2. Hazard Vulnerability Analysis

Required by Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, conducting annual Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) provides a foundation for emergency planning efforts.



3. Training

Everyone working at a healthcare facility needs to be adequately trained to react to disaster situations. The CDC, FDA, and FEMA all provide training resources for professionals in all health disciplines.



4. Command and Coordination

To minimize negative effects when disaster strikes, define individual roles and responsibilities. The Hospital Incident Command System (HICS) is a respected emergency management system.



5. Evacuation

When conditions are severe, the safety of patients and staff depend on an evacuation plan. Moving a high quantity of people out of a facility can cause panic, so security and communication are vital in subduing widespread fear.

<http://www.premiersafetyinstitute.org/safety-topics-a2/emergency-preparedness/emergency-preparedness/>

Your facility should continuously reassess your emergency preparedness plan to guarantee that everyone will be ready in the event of a disaster.

Part of being prepared is having the right supplies. AliMed's comprehensive line of emergency equipment and supplies can help you be ready when disaster strikes.

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