EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESOURCE GUIDE

The best time to prepare for a workplace emergency is before it happens. Preparing before an emergency helps employers and workers respond quickly and efficiently. Find activities, tools, and materials on workplace emergency preparedness and response below.

Find OSHA Resources and Guidelines

Getting started: Basic Preparedness | OSHA

https://www.osha.gov/emergency-preparedness/getting-started

Information on preparedness for various industries and emergencies, including emergency action plans, PPE for response and recovery workers, and evacuation/shelter-in-place information.

Emergency Preparedness and Response | OSHA

https://www.osha.gov/emergency-preparedness

Find links to a variety of topics on emergency preparedness, such as industry-specific resources, information based on type of emergency, OSHA rulemaking, helpful apps, and more.

Create an Emergency Response Action Plan

Emergency Action Plan e-Tool | OSHA

https://www.osha.gov/etools/evacuation-plans-procedures

An e-tool that helps small, low-hazard service or retail businesses implement an emergency action plan and comply with OSHA's emergency standards.

Response and Recovery Plans | Ready.gov

https://www.ready.gov/business/emergency-plans

Business continuity plans, crisis communications, emergency response, and IT disaster recovery.

Train Staff in Emergency Preparedness

Training Requirements in OSHA Standards and Training Guidelines | OSHA

https://www.osha.gov/sites/default/files/publications/osha2254.pdf

Training requirements specific to OSHA's standards in General Industry, Maritime, Construction, Agriculture, and Federal Employee Programs.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training | Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) http://training.fema.gov/IS/Nims.asp

The NIMS guides organizations to work together to prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from incidents. Emergency management personnel can receive training and certification.

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Be a Ready Business

Ready.gov | U.S. Department of Homeland Security

https://www.ready.gov/business

Ready.gov contains a wide variety of resources for home and work life about a variety of disasters and emergencies. Business-specific resources include toolkits, trainings and exercises, and business emergency plans.

Prepare for Emergencies | Small Business Administration (SBA)

https://www.sba.gov/business-guide/manage-your-business/prepare-emergencies

A step-by-step guide for small businesses to prepare and plan for emergencies, reduce impacts, and find financial help after a disaster.

Other Resources

On-Site Consultation Program | OSHA

https://www.osha.gov/consultation

A confidential, no-cost service primarily for smaller businesses. OSHA consultants can identify workplace hazards, provide compliance advice, and help establish and improve safety and health programs.

Kids and Families Emergency Planning Resources | Ready.gov

https://www.ready.gov/kids

Emergencies can and will affect you and your workers' home lives as well. Prepare to respond effectively to emergencies both at home and at work, especially if a disaster threatens both.

Safety Guidelines: Emergency Response and Recovery Workers | CDC: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/emres/safety/index.html
Information for emergency response and recovery workers on identifying potential hazards and using personal protective equipment when responding to emergency events.

Learn about and sign up for emergency alerts
https://www.ready.gov/alerts

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