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September 19, 2025

25th Annual Safety Council Golf Benefit

Bedford Hills Golf Club

Tee Time: 8:00 a.m.



Emergency Action Plans







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What are EAPs?

- Emergency Action Plans (EAP's) describe the actions employees should take to ensure their safety in the event of a fire or other emergency.



What are EAPs?

- Well developed EAP's and proper employee training (to ensure employees understand their roles and responsibilities under the plan) will result in fewer and less severe employee injuries, in addition to less damage to the facility during emergencies.
- An EAP must be in writing, kept in the workplace, and available to all employees for review.
- An employer with 10 or fewer employees may communicate the plan orally.

Objectives of an EAP

- Prevent fatalities and injuries.
- Reduce damage to buildings and equipment.
- Protect the environment and the community.
- Resume normal operations as quickly as possible.



Any emergency situation that can affect the operation of your facility such as:

- Tornado
- Severe Weather
 - Flood
- Security issue (hostages, robberies, etc.)
 - Hazardous Materials incident
 - Fire
 - Building collapse
 - Natural gas leak

Developing an EAP

Very simple plan will suffice for offices, small retail shops, and small manufacturing locations where there are few or no hazardous materials processes and employees evacuate when alarms sound or they're notified by the public address system.



Developing an EAP

More complex plans are required at facilities that:

- Contain hazardous materials or
- Where employees fight fires, perform rescue and medical tasks, or
- Delay evacuation after alarms sound so they can shut down critical equipment.



Developing an EAP

EAP's must be <u>site specific</u> with respect to:

- Emergency conditions evaluated,
- Evacuation policies and procedures,
- Emergency reporting procedures, mechanisms, and alarm systems.



Suggestions for EAPs

Anticipate the worst and plan for it!





All EAP's <u>must</u> have the following:

- Procedures for reporting a fire or other emergency.
- Procedures for emergency evacuation, including the type of evacuation and exit route assignments.
- Procedures to be followed by employees who must remain behind to operate critical plant/facility equipment/operations before they evacuate.

Mandatory Elements



- Procedures to account for all employees after evacuation.
- Procedures to be followed by employees performing rescue or medical duties.
- Name and job title of every employee who may be contacted by employees needing more information about the plan or an explanation of their duties under the plan.

Why Plan for an Emergency or Crisis?

- Emergencies or crises of all shapes and sizes occur on a daily basis.
- Emergencies or crises have significant impact
 - Physical
 - Emotional
 - Educational



Why Plan for an Emergency or Crisis?

- Effective planning will reduce the level of chaos that occurs in an emergency.
- In event of a significant emergency or crisis, reaction time is essential.



Risk Assessment

- List what types of unforeseen events could potentially occur.
- Categorize what could happen
 - Emergencies outside the facility.
 - Emergencies within the facility.
 - Health emergencies.



RISK

Know Your Local Risks

- Types of hazards likely to occur in your community.
- Their appropriate responses (before, during and after an event).
- The emergency plans available in your community.

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2022 Risk Assessment

Franklin County Ohio

11. Civil Disturbances
12. Severe Summer Weather
13. Transportation Accident - Aircraft
14. Space Weather
15. Extreme Heat
16. Earthquakes
17. Invasive Species
18. Air & Water
Pollution/Contamination
19. Drought
20. Karst/Sinkhole

Risk Vulnerability Analysis

- Probability
- Human Impact
- Property Impact
- Business Impact
- Internal resources
- External resources



Risk Vulnerability Analysis Terms

Probability	Defined as the likelihood of the event to occur. It has twice the weight of the other		
	factors. In determining the likelihood use statics available to your company and be		
	consistent with your scoring down columns.		
Human Impact	Defined as the likelihood of an injury (physical and emotional) to occur during event		
	with the present safeguards and emergency plan.		
Property Impact	Defined as the damage to property, materials, and merchandise in relation to a dollar		
	amount if event would occur with present safeguards and emergency plan.		
Business Defined as the loss of production, sales, or status of a company if event would			
Impact	with present safeguards and emergency plan.		
Internal/External	Defined as resources that enable a company to combat an emergency after the fact		
Resources	that lesson impact.		
Total Cost	The number calculated in relation to other possible emergency events that help		
	prioritize your plan, training, and sell components [of the plan] to management.		

Risk Vulnerability Chart

Emergency	Probability (+)	Human Impact (+)	Property Impact (+)	Business Impact (+)	Internal/External Resources (-)	Total risk (=)
	1 to 10	1 to 10	1 to 10	1 to 10	1 to 10 (subtract)	0 to 39

10	100% probability of occurring			
9	90% probability of occurring			
8	80% probability of occurring			
7	70% probability of occurring			
6	60% probability of occurring			
5	50% probability of occurring			
4	40% probability of occurring			
3	30% probability of occurring			
2	20% probability of occurring			
1	10% probability of occurring			

Risk Vulnerability Chart Example

Emergency	Probability (+)	Human Impact (+)	Property Impact (+)	Business Impact (+)	Internal/External Resources (-)	Total risk (=)
	1 to 10	1 to 10	1 to 10	1 to 10	1 to 10 (subtract)	0 to 39
Fire	4	10	7	5	9	15
Tornado	4	7	9	8	5	23
Flood	8	5	6	4	6	17
Hostage situation	3	7	1	6	4	13

Key Elements of an EAP

- Evacuation procedures, escape routes and floor plans.
- Fire prevention plan.
- Procedures for employees conducting critical plant operations.
- Rescue and medical duties for any employees designated to perform them.
- Reporting methods of a fire or emergency.







- Notifying employees and non-employees of an emergency.
- Methods to account for employees and nonemployees.
- Designating a Public Information Officer.
- Training.
- Procedures for updating and maintaining the EAP.

Evacuation Procedures

- Detailed procedures for each risk identified in assessment.
- Identify conditions under which an evacuation would be necessary.
- Designate a clear chain of command.
- Assembly point.
- Shelter-in-place.



Escape Routes and Floor Plans

- For every section of the facility.
- Designate "primary" and "secondary" escape routes.
- Must be kept current.



Procedures for Employees Conducting Critical Plant Operations

- Specific equipment.
- Utilities.
- Recognize when to abandon the task and evacuate.



Rescue and Medical Duties

- First aid must be available within 3 to 4 minutes of an emergency.
- Worksites more than 3 to 4 minutes from a hospital, clinic, or medical center should have at least one person on-site trained in first aid (available all shifts).



Notifying Employees and Non-Employees of an Emergency

- Non-employees = Guests, vendors, contractors, visitors, and any other person that may be on site.
- Alarms must be distinctive.
- Using tactile devices to alert employees who would not otherwise be able to recognize an audible or visual alarm.
- Providing an updated list of key personnel.



Communications

- Mass messages
- Operational radios
- Battery operated devices
- Cell phones are not reliable
- Color codes



COLOR CODES

Color Code Example

Ohio Emergency Codes CODE NAME EVENT Code Red Fire Code Adam Infant/Child Abduction Code Black Bomb/Bomb Threat **Code Gray** Severe Weather Code Orange Hazardous Material Spill/Release Code Blue Medical Emergency—Adult Code Pink Medical Emergency — Pediatric Code Yellow Disaster Code Violet Violent Patient/Combative Person with Weapon/ Code Silver **Hostage Situation**

Missing Adult Patient

Code Brown

Methods to Account for Employees and Non-Employees

- Paper roster
- Electronic roster
- Badge scanner
- Cell phone





Designating a Public Information Officer

- Have a single individual identified as the media contact person.
- Instruct all employees to direct any inquiries from the media and the public to the PIO
- This individual should be well trained on how to respond properly to sensitive questioning and should know what information is and is not acceptable to divulge.



Training

- When and how often?
- Individual roles and responsibilities.
- Threats, hazards, and protective actions.
- Notification, warning, and communication procedures.
- Emergency response procedures.



Training

- Evacuation, shelter, and accountability procedures.
- Location and use of common emergency equipment.
- Emergency shutdown procedures.
- Drills.



Procedures for Updating and Maintaining the EAP

- Review at least annually.
- Any changes in the facility.
- Any changes in personnel.



Means of Egress

Any safety issues here?



Yes! Exit access obstructed by miscellaneous storage.







- Are practical, functional, and understandable.
- Are kept updated and available to all employees (including contracted employees).
- Are put in practice by regular drills.
- Are shared with local emergency response agencies.

EAPs - Review

- Must have one for each location.
- Must be communicated to employees.
- Must be reviewed at least annually and updated where appropriate.
- Employees must be trained on proper procedures and they need to understand the plan.

Employees' understanding of and willingness to follow the plan will ensure their safety!

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