

WA Community Disaster Resilience Strategy - Key Priority Areas

KEY PRIORITY AREA / ISSUES	PROPOSED INITIATIVES
<p>1. Broaden Emergency Management</p> <p>The wider community has limited opportunity for involvement.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the membership and agenda of Emergency Management committees • Increase engagement with peak bodies and industry groups • Create more pathways to volunteer and help in emergencies • Improve access to information about risk and emergencies
<p>2. Work Locally to Increase Preparedness</p> <p>Current Emergency Management arrangements and community preparedness activities do not necessarily equip communities with the essential knowledge and skills and are not scaled to augment local capacity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster community-led behaviour change for preparedness • Enable interactive community mapping for risk reduction • Engage community in planning for recovery • Equip young adults, youth and children with the skills for disaster resilience
<p>3. Collaborate to Reduce Vulnerability</p> <p>Older people, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and people experiencing homelessness are more likely to be impacted by an emergency or disaster.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-design a personal safety planning process • Create community processes for translation of emergency information • Develop lifelines and safe pathways for people experiencing homelessness and people at greater risk • Partner with Aboriginal communities for emergency response • Explore the role of districts in supporting small communities
<p>4. Heal People and Communities</p> <p>The impacts of trauma, and the priority of assisting people and communities to heal, are not explicitly recognised in Emergency Management arrangements and practices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the barriers to accessing mental health support • Increase knowledge of person-centred, trauma-informed and inclusive practices • Improve support for local leaders of social recovery • Strengthen financial safety nets