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What you can do to be ready

for a hazard

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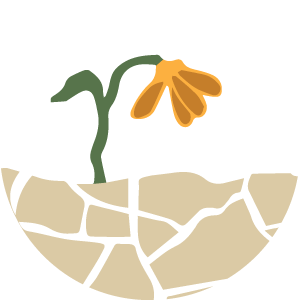
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# What is a hazard?

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The information in this booklet is about knowing what to do if you are faced with a **hazard**.

A **hazard** is something that can:

* cause danger
* put people at risk.

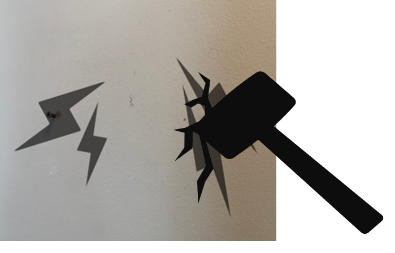
A hazard is also sometimes known as an **emergency**.



An **emergency** is when something serious happens that means people need to act quickly to stay safe.

If an emergency happens:

* it can put people in a lot of danger



* it can cause a lot of damage.

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Description automatically generatedIt is not possible to know when an emergency might happen.

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Description automatically generatedThere are things we can do to:

* be ready for hazards

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* protect ourselves
* protect our family / whānau.

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Description automatically generatedThe best way to be ready for a hazard is to make a plan.

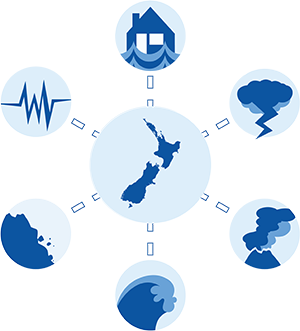
Graphical user interface

Description automatically generatedHaving a plan will make it easier for you to know what to do in an emergency.

It is important to **practise** what you will do in an emergency so you can act quickly to keep yourself safe if it happens.



**Practise** is when you do something many times so that you can get good at doing it.



There are lots of different types of hazards / emergencies that can happen in New Zealand.

A white and green ambulance

Description automatically generated with low confidenceMany different groups of people known as **agencies** work together to:

* A picture containing text

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* keep people safe.



There are different agencies for different types of hazards.

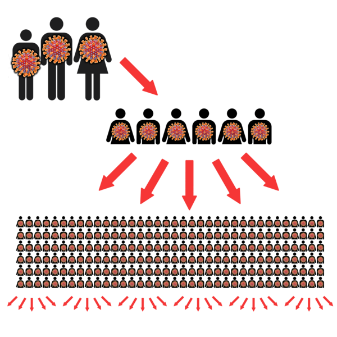


The agency that deals with the hazard depends on the type of emergency it is.



Some types of hazards / emergencies need more than 1 agency to support people when the emergency happens.

# Different types of hazards



1. Pandemic

A pandemic happens when a **virus** spreads very quickly around:

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* many countries around the world.

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A **virus** is something that can make people sick.



A pandemic can make a lot of people very sick very quickly.

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* what to do if a pandemic happens.

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**https://www.health.govt.nz**

1. Logo

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A fireman standing next to a fire truck

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceFire and Emergency New Zealand is the agency that deals with fire hazards.

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**https://www.fireandemergency.nz**

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You should call 111 straight away if you see any signs of a fire such as:

* Logo

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* flames.

Some fires can be caused by things that humans do such as:

* A drawing of a bowl

  Description automatically generated with low confidencenot using fireworks safely
* not putting out cigarettes properly
* letting fires they have started get out of control like:
* campfires
* rubbish fires
* bonfires.

Other causes of fires are things like:

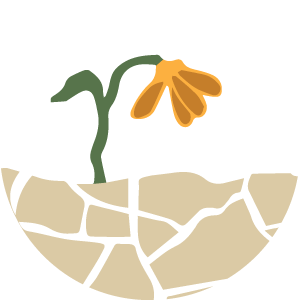
* car accidents
* lightning strikes

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* problems with electrical power lines.

3. Drought



A **drought** is when an area does not have as much water as it should have.



A drought can:

* affect the water supply that people need to use
* make any risk of fire more dangerous.

A person sitting at a desk

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Your local council will be able to give you more information about droughts where you live.



The Ministry for Primary Industries is the agency that deals with droughts.

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**https://www.mpi.govt.nz**

1. Criminal acts and terrorism

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A **criminal act** is when a person does something that means they are breaking the law.

A picture containing airplane, aircraft, fighter

Description automatically generated**Terrorism** is when someone who is part of a political group uses violence against others to try and force people to do things.



New Zealand is mostly a safe country

**but**

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it is not completely free from crime.

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Description automatically generatedThe New Zealand Police support people with many different types of emergencies including those that affect New Zealand as a country.

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Description automatically generatedThe job of the New Zealand Police is to:

* make sure that everyone follows New Zealand laws
* A picture containing person, indoor

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* work to **prevent** crime.



**Prevent** means to stop something from happening.

It is also important that you:



* look after yourself

* keep yourself safe from crime.

**Diagram

Description automatically generated**You should always call 111 if there is a serious risk to any person or **property**.



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Description automatically generatedYour **property** could be things like:

* the outside of your house



* things inside your house
* A picture containing car

  Description automatically generatedyour car
* things in your garden such as a shed.

A person sitting on a couch

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You should call 105 to report things that:

* have already happened
* do not need the Police to come straight away.

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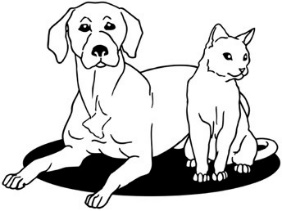
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1. Animal and plant pests and diseases

The Ministry for Primary Industries is the agency that looks after the **biosecurity** of New Zealand.



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Description automatically generated**Biosecurity** is how we protect a country from living dangers such as:



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  Description automatically generateddiseases in animals
* A picture containing dark, domestic cat

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* pests of many different types.

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The Ministry for Primary Industries

also makes sure that all our food is safe to eat.

1. Hazardous substances

A **hazardous substance** is any product / chemical that can be:

* **explosive** which means it can cause an explosion

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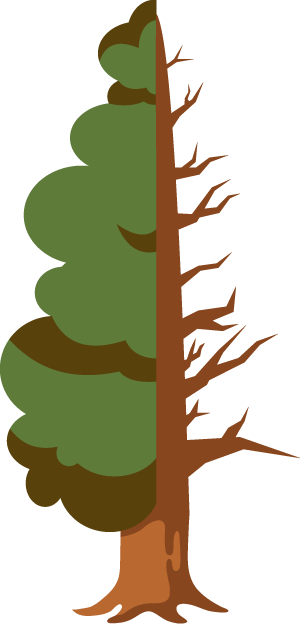
* **flammable** which means it can easily catch fire

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* **oxidising** which means it can speed up the spread of a fire
* **corrosive** which means it can damage other substances it touches
* **toxic** to the environment which means it can poison living things.

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