

Co-op Coalition Survey Report: EMERGENCY PLAN (2-21)

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Subject: CO-OP SURVEY - EMERGENCY PLAN (REP) (DUE 2-12-2021)

A coalition member wants to know about Emergency Response Plans in use by other cooperatives and/or available resources to use as a guide. Thanks in advance for helping another coalition member. Background and the request follow:

We've grown more interested in developing a response plan for emergency events -- not just the recent political unrest, but also weather events, etc. We frankly don't have a well-thought out plan. Do other coop associations have emergency response and recovery plans or resources to recommend?

If so, we'd like to see how other coops approach this.

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<25	<p>We don't have one but ready.gov has some great resources. Also, if you want to think of your co-op as a business and plan for continuity despite disruptions, take a gander at this resource: https://disastersafety.org/business-protection/ofb-ez/</p> <p>One step we have taken is to stay informed: Our co-op's president email account has signed up for our local ANC newsletters and Mayor's newsletters (forwarding relevant info to residents as needed). Additionally, our president has signed up for HSEMA text alerts and encouraged residents to do the same.</p>
<25	<p>Our 21-unit building does not have an emergency response plan and to my knowledge has not considered preparing one. The large number and variety of potential emergencies argue against preparing plans to address them. Instead, we have our "go to" people on the Board and among the residents with expertise in specific areas, and we usually know who to call upon when an emergency arises</p>

45-55	We have a designated assembly point nearby should the building need to be evacuated, but apart from that don't have a formal emergency response plan. On one or two nights when there was the threat of looting and vandalism in the city in reaction to George Floyd's murder, we locked our doors and shut off most lobby lights. (At that point we'd suspended our overnight front desk shift due to the pandemic and curfews.) We coordinate on an ad hoc basis with our management company for scheduling snow removal and maintenance emergencies. An annual fire and safety inspection is scheduled to help mitigate dangers from potential hoarding and so on.
45-55	We don't have one - but this is a good idea that I'll take back to our board. Thanks,
350+	. We do not have an emergency evacuation plan in place, but would be interested in seeing what others may have in place.