

Potential Hazards (Part 1)

It is vital to record the potential hazards for your geographic area and risks to your district so you know what to expect and what to do to protect students and staff. It is essential to understand that disasters have a cascading effect:

- Forest fires lead to debris flows, mudslides, grassfires and smoke/pollution
- Earthquakes cause fires, loss of water supply, structural damage, chemical leaks and disruption of communications
- Flooding blocks roads, damages property, and ruins food supply
- Tornadoes destroy buildings, cause fallen power lines
- A medical epidemic/pandemic creates significant disruptions to the educational and related business routines

In an effort to prioritize these events the District Support Team needs to consider what is most likely to occur in this area and when/if these events have occurred in the past.

Natural Hazards	Predictability and Approx. Frequency	Warning Time	Comments or Actions to Take
Earthquakes			
Severe weather, tornadoes, lightning			
Excessive rains, flash floods, flooding			
Dam failure			
Mud slides			
Windstorms			
Snowstorms			
Sinkholes			
Grass or forest fires			
Other			
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