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Disaster Preparedness Assessment

The On-site Disaster Preparedness Assessment (DPA) is a first-of-its-kind evaluation process designed to provide a comprehensive analysis of a facility's disaster preparedness programs and emergency contingencies. Well-seasoned professionals who have extensive experience and certifications in fire protection, life safety code enforcement, emergency preparedness, and Homeland Security conduct this detailed assessment.

The DPA is a multi-discipline, systematic process that provides administrators and organizational leadership with an unbiased, objective evaluation of a facility's disaster planning and emergency management programs. Disaster specialists utilize document review, inventory analysis, human resources assessments, and a physical plant survey to provide a complete evaluation of a facility's state of readiness as well as compliance with recommended practices.

While most facilities focus on immediate and common threats like fire and severe weather, a great majority of operations fail to adequately prepare for all potential perils and do not utilize a standard emergency management model to appropriately respond to crisis and disaster situations. The DPA evaluates a facility's ability to respond to "All-Hazards" and its utilization of nationally recognized programs, such as the Incident Command System (ICS) as promoted by the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

The completed process features a comprehensive report with detailed recommendations. These help a facility develop reliable plans of correction and contingencies in step with proposed Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines and recommended practices, like those promoted by The Joint Commission, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Department of Homeland Security.

Full review and utilization of recommendations provided by the DPA can help a facility implement plans and programs that may potentially save lives; avert costly business interruption; avoid litigation; and maintain continuity of operations before, during, and after a crisis or disaster situation.

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