

Civil contingencies

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Civil emergencies require a professional, structured and coordinated response from all the emergency services. Police, fire and ambulance services need interoperable arrangements to manage major or complex incidents successfully and to meet legislative requirements.

This guidance covers police contingency planning and response to civil emergencies, regardless of the cause. It focuses on interoperability between agencies when providing an emergency response. Police roles and specialisms are covered, as well as the knowledge and skills required to respond to civil emergencies.