

HAZARD HISTORIES

Depending on the location of the community, certain hazards may be more likely to occur than others. For instance, people living on a tropical island should not need to prepare for an arctic blizzard, but they may need to be prepared for tsunami risks. It's important to understand your hazard risks, so you can take proper action to prepare for hazards to help prevent their impacts from turning into a disaster. Since certain hazards may regularly occur in local communities, they may have local knowledge on how to prepare. Their local knowledge and preparedness techniques are important to capture and practice to help manage local disaster risks.

Instructions

Disaster Risk Reduction

Time

30 minutes

Difficulty

Easy

Resources

Pencil, paper

● Step 1

- Think about your community. What hazards regularly occur where you live?

● Step 2

- Talk to elders in your community to learn more about what hazards your area has experienced. With their permission, you may want to take notes or record their story-telling to help capture their good guidance.
- What does your community do to prepare? Have any hazards turned into a disaster, if so what did your community do to respond during the event and recover afterwards? Did they experience any hazards in the community when they were growing up? Are the hazards your community experienced back then any different than what is experienced in the present day?
- Be inquisitive about their experiences to learn more about your community's history.

● Step 3

- Think about how you can share their story with your peers or younger generations to help ensure your community continues the build on your local traditions of preparedness.



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