

# Emergency Exercises

## The Issue

Many organizations have developed Emergency Response and Business Continuity Plans to protect their people and assets. Despite these investments, some organizations have not tested their plans. Waiting for a real incident to validate your emergency procedures and response capabilities is a very high-risk proposition.

## The Solution

Exercising is the most effective means of assessing the emergency response capabilities of your organization. It will identify the strengths and weaknesses of your plans, while also providing staff with the opportunity to rehearse their roles in an emergency. Rehearsing in this way will enhance familiarity with the necessary resources and tools in order to ensure an effective, efficient response.



## The Process

Global Consulting provides a number of options to help identify, build and execute a suitable emergency response exercise. Depending on the complexity of the exercise any of the following may be used:

- **Orientation:** a seminar designed to introduce and familiarize participants to roles, plans, procedures, or equipment.
- **Drill:** a coordinated, supervised activity used to test a single operation or function.
- **Tabletop Exercise:** a facilitated group analysis of an emergency situation in a stress-free, interactive environment designed to promote active discussion about response capabilities and the identification of areas where response can be improved.
- **Functional Exercise:** an interactive activity simulating an emergency situation designed to test multiple response functions typically within an operating centre and without the deployment of resources or equipment.
- **Full-Scale Exercise:** an interactive activity simulating an emergency situation designed to test all response functions requiring the mobilization and deployment of equipment, personnel, and resources.

## The Company

The Global team is comprised of well-respected subject-matter experts in the areas of emergency preparedness planning and response. Our team, has written numerous response plans and conducted a multitude of emergency exercises for municipalities, regional districts, health authorities, First Nations communities, the aviation industry, and the private sector.

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