



What is MyHazards?

In an effort to educate the citizens of California and better inform the general public about their potential risk and vulnerability to natural hazards, the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) developed MyHazards.

MyHazards is an internet-mapping tool (IMT) for residents to discover hazards in their area (earthquake, flood, fire, and tsunami). By identifying local risk, residents will increase their knowledge about natural disasters and then apply preparedness efforts and learn steps to reduce personal risk.

What is its purpose?

We all understand that disasters will continue to occur throughout California. Hazard mitigation planning saves lives, preserves property, and protects the environment during times of disaster. A variety of mitigation activities can be performed by individuals, businesses, and local government, but the types of hazards vary across the state.

Ensuring that all communities are covered by a local hazard mitigation plan (LHMP) is a high priority. Such plans are necessary for eligible jurisdictions to receive federal financial assistance for hazard mitigation activities.

How does MyHazards work?

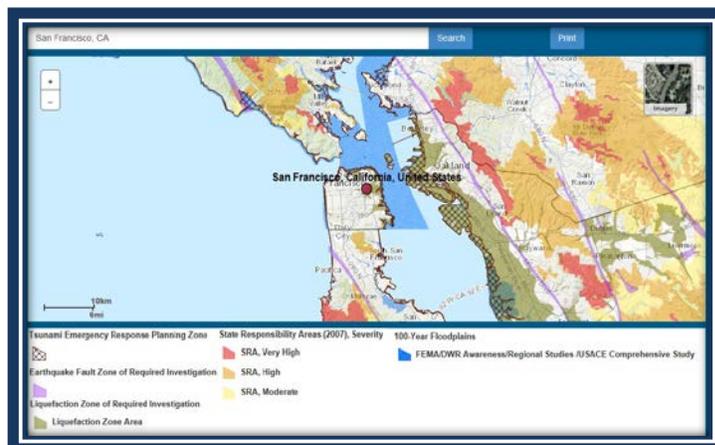
Using the MyHazards tool, users:

Enter a California location (street address, city, county, zip code, landmark, or point of interest) into the search bar or select a location on the interactive map.

Results appear under each of the four hazard tabs earthquake, flood, fire, tsunami – where they learn about the risk severity (moderate or high) for each type of hazard

Based on the search results, user receives a checklist of required, recommended, or optional actions for each hazard. Additional explanations of the hazard, preparedness materials, and links to resources accompany each category

<http://myhazards.caloes.ca.gov/>



Benefits of MyHazards:

- Supports efforts to save lives, preserve property, and protect the environment
- Contributes toward saving money at every level through effective hazard mitigation
- Facilitates identification of hazards by individuals, businesses, and local government
- Facilitates development of Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Facilitates the grant process by identifying hazards

The MyHazards IMT is operated by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES).

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