

# Free new resources added to Emergency Management Resources portal to prepare health care organizations for disasters

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(OAKBROOK TERRACE, Illinois, April 26, 2018) – The Joint Commission has updated its online [Emergency Management Resources portal](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management.aspx) [URL: [https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency\\_management.aspx](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management.aspx)] with new resources to help health care organizations in preparing, planning and responding to disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, active shooter situations and cyberattacks.

The new resources include:

- “[Active Shooter Planning and Response: Learn How to Survive a Shooting Event in a Healthcare Setting,](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management_resources_violence_security_active_shooter/)” [URL:[https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency\\_management\\_resources\\_violence\\_security\\_active\\_shooter/](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management_resources_violence_security_active_shooter/)] by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Healthcare and Public Health Sector Coordinating Council (HSCC) and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR)
- Guidance documents, resources and tools from the [ASPR Division for At-Risk Individuals, Behavioral Health & Community Resilience \(ABC\)](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management_resources_vulnerable_populations/) [URL: [https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency\\_management\\_resources\\_vulnerable\\_populations/](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management_resources_vulnerable_populations/)]
- [Chemical Hazards Emergency Medical Management \(CHEMM\)](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management_resources_-_general_references/), [URL: [https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency\\_management\\_resources\\_-\\_general\\_references/](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management_resources_-_general_references/)] a comprehensive, user-friendly, web-based resource that is downloadable in advance so it is always accessible—even during an emergency
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA) [The Dialogue](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management_resources_vulnerable_populations/), [URL: [https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency\\_management\\_resources\\_vulnerable\\_populations/](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management_resources_vulnerable_populations/)] a quarterly newsletter for disaster behavioral health coordinators, local service providers, federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations
- Also new is “[Managing Patient Information during a Mass Casualty Incident,](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management_resources_violence_security_active_shooter/)” [URL:[https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency\\_management\\_resources\\_violence\\_security\\_active\\_shooter/](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management_resources_violence_security_active_shooter/)] a case study by Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Boston, on lessons learned while the hospital treated dozens of Boston Marathon Bombing victims in 2013.

The Joint Commission Emergency Management Resources portal is a centralized source of free and accessible emergency management information for health care organizations in all settings. Resources related to natural disasters, active shooter situations, cyberattacks, industrial incidents, and other disaster situations are available, as well as resources related to codes/alerts communications, exercises and drills, leadership in crisis situations, legal and ethical matters, infection control, and more. Visit [jointcommission.org/emergency\\_management.aspx](https://www.jointcommission.org/emergency_management.aspx).

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