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Resilience Report

Brief insights and the latest innovations in emergency management and health security.

FEMA's Local Mitigation Planning Handbook



FEMA released updated [state](#) and [local](#) policies for hazard mitigation planning in April 2022. These are now in effect for plan approvals as of April 19, 2023. To facilitate successful plan development or updates, FEMA is beginning to update handbooks that accompany the policy guides, including the [Local Mitigation Planning Handbook](#).

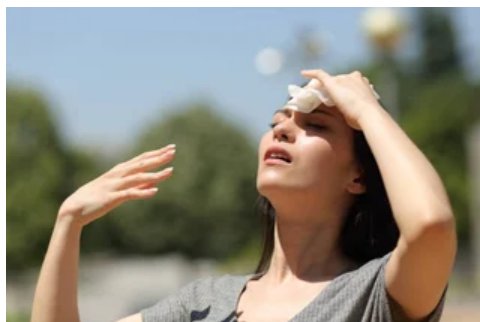
- **What should you know:** The Handbook organizes the process for completing or updating a Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) around four steps and nine recommended tasks. It accounts for [policy changes or updates](#) that include integrating the effects of future conditions in risk assessments, defining who is required to be involved in the local planning process, and aligning with mitigation programs like the [National Flood Insurance Program](#) and the [Community Rating System](#).
- **Why this matters:** The HMP process can be long and labor intensive, but it is an important investment in the future of your community. Also having an approved mitigation plan is a [pre-requisite](#) for some non-emergency disaster assistance like the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) planning and project grants. To maximize the impact of the HMP and to ensure a seamless approval by both your state and FEMA, using available resources to guide planning is essential.
- **Resources you should know about:** In addition to FEMA's handbooks and policy guides, you can also sign up to receive [mitigation planning updates](#) and notifications regarding policy updates. FEMA regularly conducts webinars on aspects of the HMP process. Your state is also a primary resource to guide the HMP process - the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), for example, provides information on [HMP regulations and guidance](#), training resources, [email updates](#), and contact information for Cal OES representatives within the Hazard Mitigation Planning Division.

Where's CONSTANT



- The CONSTANT team is attending the [National Homeland Security Conference](#) in Chicago from July 24-27! Donna Chaney (Director of Business Development) and Kim Hayward Buys (Sr. Associate) will be representing CONSTANT while team members Sloan Grissom (Sr. Associate) and Monica Machacek-Chiapello (Associate I) will be at the conference conducting outreach on behalf of the [Interagency Modeling and Atmospheric Assessment Center](#) (IMAAC). We look forward to opportunities to connect with our clients and colleagues!

In the News



#SummerReady Campaign

Officials declared the arrival of [El Niño](#) last month and last week, the planet saw one of its [hottest days](#) on record. As the threat of extreme heat continues to intensify, CONSTANT has written several [blog posts](#) about the topic, and FEMA has rolled out its first #SummerReady extreme heat campaign.

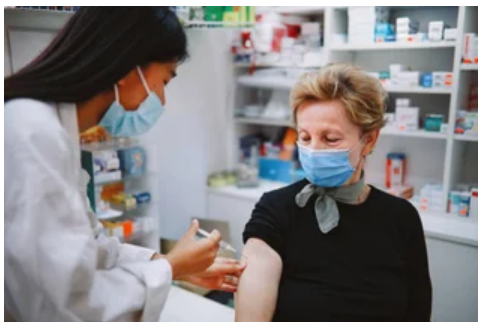
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A Violent 4th of July Across the U.S.

Historically, July 4th/5th experience the most mass shootings of [any days of the year](#), and 2023 was no different. In July's [five \(5\) days](#), the U.S. saw violence in Washington DC, MD, PA, LA, and more. Higher temperatures, alcohol consumption, and mass gatherings all contribute to these statistics.

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RSV Vaccine for Older Adults

Last month, the former CDC Director endorsed use of RSV vaccines for individuals ages 60 and older. Available this fall, these vaccines will help

protect older adults against severe RSV as respiratory infections circulate in the late fall/winter as shown during last year's ['tripledeemic.'](#)

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The Fun Stuff



FIFA Women's World Cup

There are eight days until kick-off for [FIFA Women's World Cup 2023](#), and this World Cup is anticipated to be one of the most competitive yet. As the U.S. seeks its [third consecutive title](#), here is an [analysis of our roster](#).

Deal Days: Amazon, Target, and More!

Amazon's annual [Prime Day](#) deal event is here today and tomorrow - and [here](#) is everything you need to know. Rivals [Walmart](#), [Target](#), [Best Buy](#), and [more](#) are joining in on the fun with deals of their own. Happy shopping!



We're Here to Support You

If you need help with disaster preparedness, COVID-19 AARs, or anything in between, send us an email at donna@constantassociates.com. We are here to help.

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