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<b>SP0516</b>
<b>Emergency Planning</b>



## 1. Policy Statement

An emergency is defined as ‘an event or situation which threatens serious damage to human welfare or the environment’.

Effective planning for emergencies keeps people safe by preparing for the response to, and recovery from, emergencies in collaboration with partners.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) is committed to training, equipping and exercising officers and staff to respond effectively and safely at strategic, tactical and operational levels in the areas of civil contingencies including Business Continuity, Chemical, Biological, Radioactive and Nuclear (CBRNe) incidents, Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) and Mutual Aid Mobilisation.

The PSNI approach to emergency planning is driven by:

- Civil Contingencies Act 2004; and
- NI Civil Contingencies Framework – Building Resilience Together.

The PSNI is committed to the Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP).

These principles of co-location; communication; co-ordination; joint understanding of risk and shared situational awareness provide a common way of working with responding partners in order to save lives and reduce harm in the response to emergencies.

The PSNI will engage with partners to deliver processes that provide for enhanced national and local resilience in the areas of equipment, tactics and human resources as and when required due to emergencies or excessive demand.

## 2. Policy Links

The Corporate Policy Framework refers.

## 3. Contact

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