

Crisis Preparation and Response: Definitions and Key Questions

Look up the meaning of these words and write your own definitions. Follow your interests and reputable sources to learn more about crisis preparation and response.

safety: freedom from danger, risk, or injury

disaster: a sudden event, such as an accident or a hurricane, that causes great damage or loss of life

crisis: a time of intense difficulty, trouble, or danger

natural disaster: an event such as a flood, earthquake, or hurricane that causes great damage or loss of life

pandemic: a disease prevalent over a whole country or the world

epidemic: a widespread occurrence of an infectious disease in a community at a particular time

trauma: a deeply distressing or disturbing experience

emergency management: the implementation of the resources and responsibilities to reduce the harmful effects and deal with the humanitarian aspects of emergencies

Key Questions

1. What are potential natural disasters or health or safety crises that could occur in your area? What can you and your family do to best prepare for these crises?
2. Where do you see opportunities of growth related to crisis preparation in your community?
3. How has your community responded to past crises (ex: tornado, COVID-19)? What things did they do well? What things can they improve upon?
4. What are some examples of people putting the needs of others ahead of their own needs?
5. What do you think a community should or can do to help people cope with trauma from a disaster?
6. Our mental health is as important as our physical health. Ask questions about mental health and learn what young people can do to build empathy and resilience.

