

Community Emergency Plan Planning

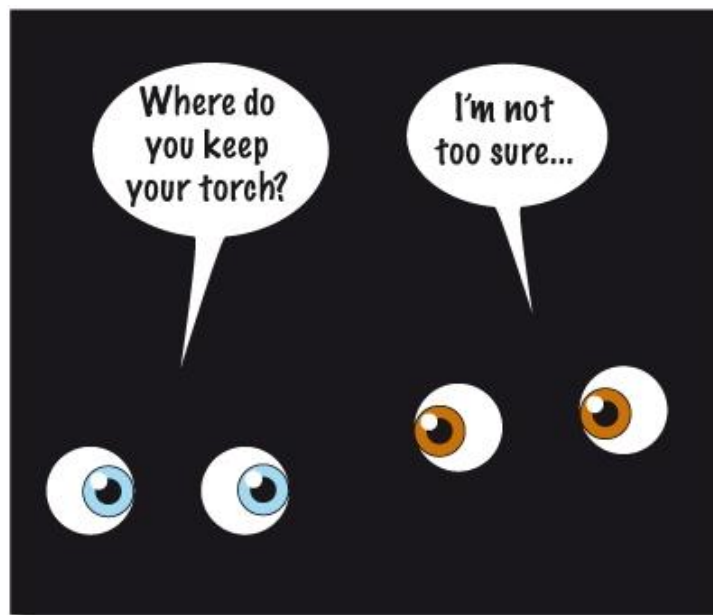
Handouts for Communities Looking to Develop a Community Plan



Facilitators Sheet: Exercise Sycamore

Desktop Based Blackout Exercise

It is 14:30 on Friday 18th January.



Cumbria has been experiencing prolonged spells of poor weather for several weeks and, in the last few days, very high winds.

Within your local area the power has been lost, this has lasted a couple of hours but concern has been raised about the situation going into the next few days. The power outage is wide spread and Electricity North West are working on the faults but due to the on-going high winds work is being disrupted.

BBC Local Radio has been advising communities to be prepared, take all necessary precautions and to continue to tune to local radio for further updates.

Allow around 20 minutes for the considerations below:

Considerations

Think about the consequences of loss of power, wider impact that you first thought?

Consider the effect on vulnerable people?

Additional challenges on elements of your plan when the power has been lost?

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How to Prepare a Community Emergency Plan, Key Considerations

- Effective local leadership and wide community involvement
- Encouraging individuals to think and plan for their own resilience
- Mapping local capabilities
- Working closely with the emergency services/agencies
- Thinking in advance about local communications (paggers, radios)

Work through the 10 step plan or guidance sheet using the scenario given.