



HEALTH AND SAFETY FOLLOWING A DISASTER

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SAFETY AFTER A DISASTER: RE-ENTRY

- In re-entering your facility after a disaster event:
 - ✦ Follow the guidance of local emergency management officials
 - ✦ Follow the directions of local law enforcement
- If you need special entry, arrange it now.... and be prepared to justify.
- Obtain proper clearance credentials, and do not expect law enforcement to grant you entry without it.



RE-ENTRY (CONT)

- If you do gain special entry:
 - ✦ Do not assume your facility is “safe.”
 - ✦ Use common sense (as well as the rest of your senses)

- Common safety hazards after a disaster:
 - ✦ Unstable building materials
 - ✦ Electrical hazards
 - ✦ Gas hazards
 - ✦ Chemical hazards
 - ✦ Usually not a hazard, BUT..... People hazards



HEALTH CONCERNS AFTER A DISASTER

- Physical concerns:
 - ✦ Hydration, heat /cold and rest
 - ✦ Particulate, oil and chemical residues
 - ✦ Mold
- Mental Health Concerns
 - ✦ Stress
 - ✦ Delayed stress
 - ✦ Depression
- If your facility was untouched...your employee's home may not have been so lucky.



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