

Appropriate Sources of Information for Risk Management Planning for Adverse Events

SU NSW requires detailed Risk Assessments for Ministries that may be subject to adverse events.

What are adverse events?

Adverse events are predominately natural events or warnings that will affect our program adversely, causing activities to cancel, postpone or evacuate. (e.g., weather event, natural disasters [fires, floods, cyclones etc.]).

How does SU NSW determine when an activity is prone to Adverse Events?

SU(NSW) relies on the local knowledge of Team Directors. Teams need to assess whether their team will be active in an area that is prone to specific adverse events at the time of year their program will be run.

SU(NSW) State Director and ERT Team will consider broad themes such as season, location and general weather conditions. For example, while fires can occur at any time of year, they are most likely to happen over summer, and teams are able to assess the likelihood of being in a fire-prone area using the tools on the NSW Rural Fires Services website/App. Ministries planning to run activities such as canoeing need to check the BOM website for flood warnings and adverse weather predictions. Teams planning trips to alpine areas need to check the BOM website for storm warnings and snowfall. High winds can cause branches and trees to fall on tents, so strong wind warnings are vital safety information.

Prior to the program

Appropriate information as to the likelihood of adverse events needs to be sought during the permission to proceed process, in the lead up to the program, and during the program where appropriate. A list of information sources is provided below.

SU(NSW) will be able to assist with this process.

In some instances, websites may not provide the information you require. Local sources of information may need to be sought.

Ultimately the State Director, in consultation with the ERT will make the final decision regarding whether an events proceeds or not.

<p>General Risk Management Planning Information</p> <p>NSW State Emergency Service https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/your-local-risk/ (simply enter postcode)</p> <p>General Inquiries 138 737</p>
<p>Local Information</p> <p>Local radio stations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ABC Local Radio, local commercial radio stations, community radio stations <p>Sky News TV</p> <p>Local Councils</p> <p>Local organisations</p>
<p>Bushfire Information, including Grassfire</p> <p>Bush Fire Information Line - 1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)</p>
<p>Lake and Ocean Conditions, including Tsunami Flood information (Rivers, Creeks and Overland Flooding)</p> <p>Cyclones and Storms</p> <p>Bureau of Meteorology</p> <p>http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/warnings/</p>
<p>Weather Events and UV levels</p> <p>Bureau of Meteorology</p> <p>http://www.bom.gov.au/places/nsw/</p>
<p>Emergency services agencies have interactive smart phone apps that can help your clients before and during an emergency.</p> <p>https://www.emergency.nsw.gov.au/Pages/for-the-community/community-service-workers/how-to-help-clients-prepare/during-an-emergency/smart-phone-apps.aspx</p>

Interstate

Teams travelling to other states will need to access appropriate information for the state in which the program is run.

During the program

In the case of emergency events that are specific to a geographic area, even if teams have registered with the 'Fires Near Me NSW App' teams may or may not receive an automated SMS warning giving information about the event. Teams should rely on proper planning rather than automated warnings.

In the event that the program is running, and an emergency response is required, 000 is likely to be the best first point of call. The State Director(SU NSW) and ERT should also be contacted. Other Emergency Services may also be required.

Emergency Services Contact Details***Ambulance Required***

Call 000 (or 112 from a mobile)

NSW Police

Call 000 (for non-urgent assistance call 131 444)

Fire

Call 000 (for bush fire information call 1800 679 737)

Storm, Flood and Tsunami

Call 132 500 for NSW State Emergency Service

Vehicle Accident

If it is an emergency or an ambulance is required, call 000.

If a vehicle is damaged, the other Driver does not stop, or the other Driver does not give details, the police must be called. Call 131 444

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