

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DID YOU KNOW? Social workers that are employed in the field of Emergency Management are involved in:

- Informing and advancing policies and programs that promote the four Canadian Framework Pillars of Emergency Management - **Preparedness, Prevention/Mitigation, Response, and Recovery**
- Building partnerships and encouraging collaboration between emergency management partners, first responders, and community stakeholders
- Coordinating emergency services which impact life and safety, property and infrastructure, organizational administration, and daily business and/or organizational reputation
- Promoting public and educational awareness of the need to be prepared for any emergency
- Ensuring risk assessments, mitigation strategies, and business continuity plans are developed and completed - identifying the critical and vital services and resource inventories required during emergencies
- Working with communities, agencies, corporate companies, and universities to develop and maintain emergency management plans, including exercise design and testing plans in simulated emergency environments
- Engaging in research and developing applicable alert notification procedures
- Ensuring respect for culture, values, ethics, and diversity when planning for potential risk within communities
- Creating assessments and processes to analyze how adverse events have impacted people and communities
- Working with individuals, communities and stakeholders to ensure that food, clothing, shelter, and personal supports, including psychological first aid, are available to affected persons during an emergency
- Ensuring the emotional, psychological and financial needs of people are met in a timely manner following emergencies, including advocating for recovery efforts on their behalf
- Expediting the recovery and resumption of normal day to day activities following emergencies
- Utilizing in a social work context, the skills of assessment, critical/analytical thinking, active listening, mediation, conflict resolution, and community advocacy

There are over 1500 social workers registered to practice social work in Newfoundland and Labrador. Further information about the social work profession can be found at www.nlasw.ca or by contacting:

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