

COORDINATION OF DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Description:

This online, self-paced course is designed for persons who will be coordinating damage assessment activities in response to a damaging event such as windstorm, flood or earthquake. This course builds upon the skills and knowledge covered in the [Rapid Damage Assessment](#) course. While prior experience in engineering, construction, or emergency response is not mandatory, it can be a valuable asset during the course. Additional course offerings in emergency management are available from the Justice Institute of British Columbia under the [Emergency Security Management Program](#).

Objectives:

Upon completion participants should be able to:

- Understand the equipment, resources and forms required by damage assessment teams;
- Provide a safe and informed working environment for damage assessors;
- Develop a process to record the results of damage assessment postings/placards;
- Identify and understand the roles of the other stakeholders involved in damage assessment, and the information to contribute to Situation Reports and public messaging;
- List and describe several strategies that can be used to improve the damage assessment response capability on structures;
- Identify what forms and supporting documents should be prepared in advance to assist when performing Damage Assessments;
- Recognize important factors to respond to the needs of building occupants and safety officials.

Content: Topics include:

- preparing resources, information and assignments for damage assessors;
- identifying, developing and maintaining damage assessment equipment kits;
- damage assessment team composition considerations;
- documentation processes and recording practices;
- Responding to challenging situations during a response;
- How to conclude damage assessment activities and use collected information to inform others;
- linkages between damage assessment and other functions in an Emergency Operations Centre.

Prerequisite:

BC Housing Rapid Damage Assessment Course

Typical Participant Groups:

Safety officials, Building Inspectors, School Staff, ESS staff, facility/property managers

Course Fee: \$115.00 per participant plus taxes. Organizations with groups of 6 or more can qualify for a discount. Submit a [course request form](#) or contact admins@bchousing.org.

For more information contact the BC Housing Security and Emergency Services Department at ses@bchousing.org.