



Lesson 17: Natural Disasters and Planning for Healthy Communities

Lesson Plan

Estimated lesson time: 90 minutes

Learning objectives:

- Identify various emergencies and natural disasters that could impact communities by geographic area
- Explain the causes and risks of various disasters based on geography, climate, or season
- Describe the environmental and human impact of disasters and emergencies
- Discuss necessary steps in designing healthy communities

Key concepts:

- Natural disasters
- Emergencies
- Preparedness and resilience
- Healthy Communities

Materials:

- Markers, pencils (writing utensils)
- Paper
- White boards and dry erase markers

Lesson Components:

- I. Icebreaker – 15 minutes
- II. Lecture: Natural Disasters and Emergencies – 30 minutes
- III. Natural Disaster Response Activity – 20 minutes
- IV. Scenarios and Role Play Activities – 30 minutes
- V. Debrief – 15 minutes