

Activity No. 1: – Potential Hazards

Emergency preparedness has been a constant concern since the attack in New York on September 11, 2001 and the anthrax incidents that followed. However, preparedness activities have been ongoing since 1930. Our nation and each community within it, routinely faces hazards from January 1 through December 31 every year.

List at least three hazards that could affect your community during a typical year.

Potential topics are included on the following page.

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- Floods, overflows, water damage, tidal waves
- Fires, conflagrations
- Wind, tornado, hurricane, coastal gales
- Explosions, munitions, factories, mines, institutions
- Drought, water supply failures
- Disease outbreaks
- Earthquakes

All of the above listed hazards are listed in a May, 1930 article that appeared in the American Journal of Public Health and The Nation's Health, Volume XX, Number 5.