



BC HOUSING EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES PUBLIC TRAINING PROGRAMS



Course Name:	Rapid Damage Assessment; Neighborhood Response
Description:	This course teaches the basic skills to identify unsafe conditions in wood frame and concrete construction caused by disasters such as floods and earthquakes. Individuals are shown how to assess damage to determine whether buildings can be re-occupied. BC Housing's rapid inspection skills are taught using the "Applied Technologies Council 20 & 45" guidelines from California.
Prerequisites:	Personal Emergency Preparedness course (recommended)
Duration:	1.5 - 2.5 hours
Target Audience:	ESS Responders, Supervisory Staff, Building Managers, Teachers, Homeowners, persons responsible for the safety of others.
Course Outline:	Participants learn about earthquake causes & geography, basic wood frame and concrete construction, stress points in construction, non-structural building elements, damage assessment criteria, hazards from earthquake damage, safe evacuation procedures, and community based response functions.
Objectives:	Upon completion participants should be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify typical structural and non-structural UNSAFE conditions in wood frame, masonry and concrete structures.• Identify general steps to mitigate injuries and seismic damage in non-structural components of buildings.• Conduct a safe post-earthquake building evacuation.• Effectively post and secure a structure deemed to be unsafe.• Recognize important factors in responding to the needs of building occupants.
Class Size:	Minimum 20 participants – no maximum
Cost:	\$10.00 per person, field manual included
Information:	Contact Steven Bibby Manager of Safety & Security 604-439-4706 or 1-800-257-7756, local 4706

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