Description:
This 2 to 2.5 hour course is designed for persons who will be developing, coordinating and/or managing a Damage Assessment Program for an organization. The course is typically presented immediately following BC Housing’s Rapid Damage Assessment Course.

Objectives:
Upon completion participants should be able to:
• Understand the equipment, resources and forms required by damage assessment teams;
• 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;
• Identify and understand the legislation that impacts and enables damage assessment within the Province of BC;
• List and describe several strategies that can be used to improve the damage assessment response capability on structures;
• Identify what inspection forms and supporting documents should be prepared in advance to assist when performing Damage Assessments;
• Identify the buildings in their portfolio that are typically perceived as Critical Infrastructure (CI);
• Discuss the pre-allocation of damage assessment teams to each component of infrastructure;
• Suggest multiple team allocation to each CI component to create back-up/redundancies for inspection teams;
• Recognize important factors to respond to the needs of building occupants and safety officials.

Content: Topics include:
• prioritizing critical infrastructure and pre-disaster planning;
• identifying, developing and maintaining damage assessment equipment kits;
• damage assessment team allocation and pre-deployment considerations;
• documentation processes and recording practices;
• linkages between damage assessment and stakeholders such as ESS, DFA, BC Safety Authority, Lifeline Infrastructure providers, and Recovery Managers.

Prerequisite:
BC Housing Rapid Damage Assessment Course

Typical Participant Groups:
Safety officials, Building Inspectors, School Staff, ESS staff, facility/property managers

Class Size: Lower Mainland - Minimum 5 participants, maximum 30
Outside the Lower Mainland - Minimum participant numbers increase

Course Fee: $50.00 per person plus taxes, handouts included (If the Rapid Damage Assessment course is provided on the same day as the CDA course the fee for both is $100)

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