



## HOPE FOR THE BEST, PLAN FOR THE WORST *ByMindy T. Cummings,Esq.*

We have all heard the saying, “Hope for the best, plan for the worst,” but what does this mean for community associations and emergency preparedness? When people think of emergency preparedness, most people think of preparation for natural disasters, but what about major building system failures? What happens when the domestic water pump

goes out in a 52-story high rise, and there is no water to the building for fire suppression? Or when you have to evacuate the building for weeks because a sinkhole opened up?

Disasters come in all shapes and sizes, but proper advanced planning can help identify potential vulnerabilities, mitigate risks, reduce damages, and shorten recovery times.

Advanced planning allows time for boards and management to develop a written plan to deal with emergencies and communicate that plan to their residents.

This will ensure that associations are prepared to assist their residents and communities through disasters. Ready to start planning? Check out <https://www.ready.gov/>

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