Get involved with disaster assistance

**BEFORE**

**CONNECT** with your local Disaster Assistance Program through state or local AIA chapters.
If a local program doesn’t already exist, consider spearheading one; see page 103.

**COORDINATE** with your state or local chapter to institute the five components of a State Disaster Assistance Program.
Learn the disaster assistance essentials on page 54.

**DEVELOP** relationships with state officials and the community—well in advance of a disaster.
Find out who your best allies are on page 52.

**BUILD** a broad geographic network of volunteers.
When disaster strikes, architects within the affected area will be focused on their own families, homes, and businesses.
Learn about volunteer activation on page 57.

**DURING**

**CONFIRM** that a request for disaster assistance has been made by the authority.
Follow the disaster protocol on page 73.

**LEARN** the types of assessments typically conducted post-disaster on page 70.

**PROTECT** your personal safety and professional liability if you’re volunteering in a disaster response effort.
Learn how on page 72.

**COMPARE** your state’s Good Samaritan legislation on page 116.

**AFTER**

**UNDERSTAND** local recovery challenges and community needs.
Case studies of common hurdles and unexpected opportunities featured on page 88.

**PREVENT** the next hazard from becoming a disaster.
Employ hazard mitigation tactics on page 42.

**RENEW** your community by choosing wisely to repair, rebuild, retrofit or relocate.
Learn about recovery options on page 95.

**ANYTIME**

**REDUCE RISK** of disaster by evaluating how vulnerable you and your clients are.
Find the data you need to prioritize hazard mitigation design decisions on page 41.

**PARTICIPATE** in community hazard, disaster recovery and resilience planning and policy efforts to create a more sustainable community.
See policy efforts outlined on page 33.

**GET INVOLVED** in your community’s adoption, application, and enforcement of building codes and standards on page 38.

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