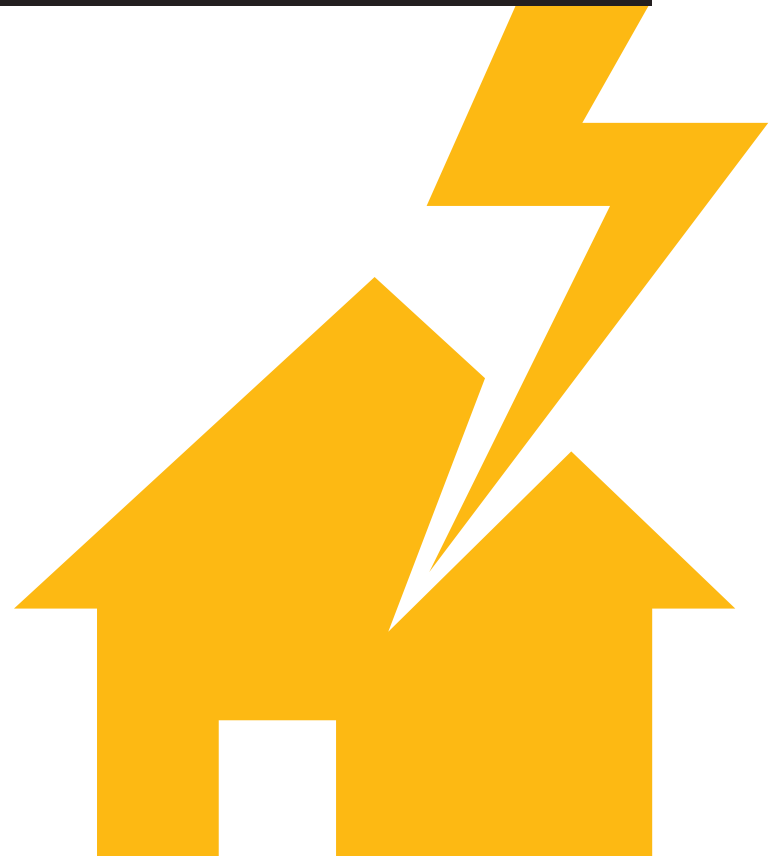




DISASTER MANAGEMENT

FOR PUBLIC HEALTH CAIRNS 23-28 AUGUST 2009



AIM

This course aims to better enable Public Health professionals to prepare for and manage the public health aspects of a disaster.

OBJECTIVE

The objectives of this course are to develop skills and knowledge which will:

- Ensure that public health and other professionals are adequately prepared for a disaster
- Promote understanding of public health and other professionals roles and responsibilities in the management of disasters using a risk-based approach
- Promote involvement of public health and other professionals in the disaster management system
- Reduce the impact of disasters on the environment and community
- Reduce the incidence of food, water and vector related diseases in disasters
- Prepare and implement a public health disaster plan

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Most disasters cannot be prevented. The impact of disasters upon communities can, however, be significantly reduced by preparedness and planning.

The tsunami in Asia and Cyclone Larry in North Queensland are timely reminders that disasters can occur anywhere, anytime – it is imperative we are prepared. The content of this course addresses these issues in detail, and provides substantial guidelines for public health professionals to assist them in their disaster management role.

TOPICS

Potential Public Health Impacts of Disasters
Planning and Preparedness Phase
Public Health Disaster Plans
Roles and Responsibilities
Response and Recovery Phase
Case studies
Bio-Terrorism
Media and Communication Strategies
Provision of Safe Water Supplies
Food Supplies
Community Vulnerability
Waste Management
Vector Control

EVENTS

- Day 1:** Registration at 5.30pm - Welcome
Day 3: A field trip on the Cairns-Kuranda Skyrail
Day 6: An exercise

Bring your organisation's Public Health Disaster Plan

REGISTRATION

As places are limited, it is suggested that you register early. *Closing date for registrations – 30 JUNE 2009*

PRESENTERS

Keynote Speakers have extensive practical experience and knowledge in their field and come from areas such as:

Local Government, Queensland Health, Emergency Management Queensland, University & Research Centres, Australian Red Cross, Bureau of Meteorology, and the private sector.

WHO WOULD BENEFIT

Environmental Health Officers
Indigenous Environmental Health Workers
Elected Members of Local Government
Public Health Nurses and other health professionals
Local Government Disaster Officials

THE VENUE

The Course will be held at the Sheridan Plaza Hotel, 295 Sheridan Street, Cairns (07 4031 6500) near the heart of the city. Cairns is a tropical city between the Great Barrier Reef and rainforest mountains. World heritage listed reef and rainforest fringe this garden city.

ENQUIRIES

Direct all enquiries to course organiser Paul Endres, Ph: 07 4050 3600, Email: paul_endres@health.qld.gov.au or Jo Rolls at the EHA Office, Ph: 07 3000 2299, Email: qld@eh.org.au

ACCOMMODATION

The Sheridan Plaza Hotel (Ph: 07 4031 6500) is offering accommodation at the rate of \$130 per night single/twin room.

Important: Delegates should mention that they are registrants for this course when booking accommodation.

Delegates are required to stay at this venue as there are evening sessions. It is the responsibility of the delegates to organise their accommodation, however, please do not hesitate to contact the course organiser for further information if required.

Please note registration fees include all meals (buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning & afternoon teas), field trip (Skyrail), & all course notes.

\$1340 + GST for EHA members
\$1590 + GST for non-members

CANCELLATION POLICY

Please note places are limited and payment must be received by 30 June 2009 to guarantee your attendance. Cancellation fees are as follows:

- Withdrawal of registration prior to 18 July: \$300.00
- Withdrawal of registration after 18 July: Registration fee is non-refundable.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for the Course: Member of EHA Non-Member

Name: _____

Position: _____

Employer's Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Please forward Registration Form & payment to:

Disaster Management Course
EHA - Qld Branch
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or Fax: 07 3252 9084
www.eh.org.au

Full program will be issued at the course.
The course commences 5.30pm Sunday
23 August & will finish approximately
1pm Friday 28 August.