

The actual 123-point assessment consists of 71 questions that are grouped into 5 sections as shown below. This sampling of assessment questions is designed to give you an idea of types of questions you can expect to see once you become a member of the Ready Rating program and gain access to the 123-point online assessment. One question per section has been selected for this preview and the sub-section headings are also displayed below.

1. Join - Commit to membership in the Red Cross Ready Rating™ program.

We want to increase our level of preparedness and have committed to membership in the Ready Rating program. We have taken these actions:

- B. The CEO or sponsoring executive has appointed a Ready Rating Coordinator from within our organization to serve as the primary point of contact for the Ready Rating program.
- No (0 pts.)
 Yes (4 pts.)

2. Assess - Conduct a Hazard Vulnerability Assessment.

2.1 We know how vulnerable our business or organization would be if a disaster or other emergency were to occur because we have reviewed and understand how our local Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA) applies to our business or organization.

2.2 We know how well our business or organization is able to prepare for, respond to and recover from a disaster. We know what we have in place already and what we need to do to become better prepared.

- C. We have identified and obtained agreements, as necessary, with external emergency response resources, such as local fire, police, emergency medical services, local public health, Red Cross, emergency management and local businesses that will provide assistance during a disaster or other emergency. We know who to contact in an emergency and how they can help.
- No (0 pts.)
 We have identified and obtained agreements with external emergency response resources but this information is not up-to-date, OR we have spoken with external agencies and have not formalized any agreements as of yet. (2 pts.)
 Yes (4 pts.)

3. Plan - Develop an emergency response plan.

3.1 We have a plan in place designed to protect our business or organization and employees before, during and after an emergency or disaster. We have completed the following activities as part of our emergency response planning:

3.2 We have a written plan describing how our business or organization will respond during a disaster or medical emergency. This plan includes the following components:

D. Procedures for communicating with employees, families, clients, emergency response organizations, media representatives and other stakeholders prior to, during and after a disaster or medical emergency. Our procedures incorporate a means of reaching employees both at home and at work.

No (0 pts.)

Yes (1 pt.)

3.3 We have developed a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) to help our business or organization continue operating as it responds to and recovers from a disaster or emergency. The plan includes the following components:

4. Implement - Implement your emergency response plan.

We have integrated emergency preparedness procedures into our corporate culture in the following ways:

4.1 Training. We have trained employees in emergency preparedness on an annual basis, so that at a minimum, everyone knows the following:

B. Their role during a disaster and where they should go if evacuating or sheltering in place and the roles and responsibilities of key personnel at our facility.

No (0 pts)

Some of our employees, but not all of them, know what their role is in a disaster and the roles and responsibilities of key personnel at our facility. (1 pt.)

Yes (2 pts.)

We have integrated emergency preparedness procedures into our corporate culture in the following ways:

4.2 Equipment and Supplies. Based on the list of safety equipment and emergency supplies identified in our emergency response plan, we have completed the following:

4.3 Employee Preparedness. We emphasize employee preparedness at work and at home by doing activities such as:

4.4 Drills and Exercises. We conduct and assess regular drills and exercises to determine the readiness of our employees and facility. After each drill or exercise has been conducted, we evaluate our level of preparedness. We do the following:

5. Help Others - Help your community prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Every year we are doing our part to ensure our business or organization and the overall community is prepared for a disaster or other emergency. This past year, we completed the following:

- B. Led an educational campaign in the community that promotes personal and family preparedness with the message of “Get a Kit, Make a Plan and Be Informed.” Ways to promote this message include newsletter articles, e-mail blasts, our Web site and opening training and presentations that are offered to our employees to their families and other groups.
 - No (0 pts.)
 - Yes (1 pt.)
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