

Damage Assessment Categories

Hazards

	Condition	CERT Response
Fire	Burning / Out Is fire threatening to spread?	Suppress only fires you can safely handle; secure the area
Gas Leak	Can you smell gas?	Home (turn of gas at meter); Utility (secure the area)
Water Leak	Is the road blocked?	Turn off water at shutoff, if possible
Electrical	Downed power lines Is the road blocked?	Home (turn off breakers); Utility (secure the area)
Chemical	Strange smell / unusual smoke Posted hazard symbol	Secure the area

Structural Damage

	Condition	CERT Response
Light	Broken windows / superficial damage Fallen / cracked plaster Minor damage to contents	Enter and rescue with caution
Moderate	Visible signs of damage but structure still attached to foundation Decorative work damaged or fallen Major damage to contents	Rescue victims immediately Minimize number of rescuers inside
Heavy	Partial or total collapse Structure no longer attached to foundation Tilting / obvious structural instability Fire / gas leaks / other hazards	Do not attempt rescue, secure the area

People

	PAN Categories	CERT Categories
Trapped	Equipment required to rescue	Equipment required to rescue
Minor	Cuts, bruises, sprains	Cuts, bruises, sprains
Delayed	(Not used by PAN)	Victim has serious injuries but does not qualify as Immediate
Immediate	Life threatening injuries Shock, severe blood loss Breathing problems (Describe injuries in Comments section)	Victim meets ANY of the following: Respiration – breathing faster than 30 breaths per minute. Pulse – severe bleeding or blanch test (capillary refill) slower than 2 seconds. Mental status – cannot respond to simple commands
Dead	If obvious	No respiration

Critical Incidents

Report the following conditions immediately (radio or runner):

- Trapped victims / Immediate injuries
- Burning fires that threaten lives or neighboring property
- Hazards that are a threat to safety (those you cannot handle).

Otherwise, record on Damage Assessment form and report routinely.