



This project provides access to information on the prevention and response to sexual violence during and after disasters, relief funds and planning tools.

## Overview

Sexual violence often increases in disasters. After a disaster, housing may be destroyed and people may not have jobs to go to. Police officers and the legal system have many things to respond to. Disasters take away community resources. In these situations, it's easier for a person to perpetrate sexual violence. It also puts people at greater risk of experiencing sexual violence. People who tend to have less social power, like older adults, people with disabilities, or people struggling with poverty, face even higher risk for violence during a disaster.

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## NSVRC Resources on Sexual Violence in Disasters

The NSVRC provides information and resources to assist organizations and communities in preventing and responding to sexual violence during and after disasters. Learn more below about the NSVRC's publications and online resources, and the Relief Fund for Sexual Assault Victims.

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## Sexual Violence in Disasters Online Special Collection

This collection includes online resources related to gender-based violence in disasters, disaster preparedness, disaster recovery, and forensic nursing in disasters.

### [Disaster Preparedness Resources](#)

The risk of violence, including sexual violence, increases during and after a disaster.

By planning for disasters, advocates, preventionists, disaster managers, and their community partners can help prevent sexual violence and ensure that supportive services are available during and after a disaster. The resources in this section provide information, recommendations, and tools to assist organizations and communities in developing plans for disaster preparedness and recovery.

[Resources by the NSVRC](#)

[For anti-violence organizations](#)

[For non-profits and small businesses](#)

[For communities](#)

## **Resources by the NSVRC**

[Sexual Violence in Disasters: A Planning Guide for Prevention and Response](#)

National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2008)

This guide provides an overview of sexual violence in disasters and a range of recommendations for prevention and response before, during, and after a disaster. Available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

[Sexual Violence in Disasters: Interactive Online Series](#)

National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2012 & 2013)

This three-part series of interactive online courses for sexual violence preventionists, victim advocates, and allied professionals discuss the connections among sexual violence, disasters, and oppression (Module 1), and offer recommendations for creating a pre-disaster plan for sexual violence prevention and response (Modules 2 and 3).

[xCHANGE Series Podcasts with Dr. Elaine Enarson](#)

National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2013)

In this series of four short audio podcasts, a leading researcher on gender-based violence in disasters discusses research, prevention strategies, community partnerships, and future directions related to sexual violence in disasters.