Jump-start your Emergency Plan: Collections Emergency Preparedness Benchmarks

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PLANNING Goals			Comments
Basic	A Collections Emergency Response Plan has been developed and is current.		
	Responsibility for drafting the Emergency Response Plan has been assigned.		
	Responsibility for regularly updating and coordinating annual updates on the Emergency Response Plan has been assigned.		
	The Emergency Response Plan has been approved and has institutional support.		
	Insurance procedures, documentation and coverage limitations are familiar and filed in an accessible location.		
Good	There is a security plan to control access to secure areas during an emergency.		
	There is a recovery plan describing processes to return the collections, building and staff to normal operations after an emergency.		
	A Collection Risk Assessment based on value and vulnerability of collection items has been established and reviewed.		
Best	Copies of the following documents are stored both offsite and on the cloud: • Emergency Plan • Call Tree and Communication Plan		
	Our Security Plan is updated during construction that affects access.		
	The institution is a member of the BC HERN and is connected with other members in the local BC HERN zone.		



STAFF TRAINING & PREPAREDNESS Goals							
Basic	Emergency supplies and equipment are located on site.						
	Museum staff are educated about building areas with potential risks to the collections.						
	Emergency first response procedures have been defined.						
	Staff members are aware of the plan procedures.						
	Staff members know the location of the water shut-off.						
	The locations of emergency supplies and how to access them are publicized.						
Good	Supplies are replenished after each emergency.						
	Staff member has been identified to maintain/replenish the emergency response supplies.						
	Emergency team roles have been assigned.						
	Practice drills for staff and other responders are carried out annually.						
Best	BC HERN Emergency Salvage Training has been undertaken.						
	In-museum training drills for the Collections Emergency Team is organized.						
	Specific material types salvage procedures have been developed and documented.						
Notes							





COMMUNICATION Goals						
Basic	An Emergency Call Tree has been developed and responsibility for updating it has been assigned.					
	The Emergency Call Tree is distributed to all staff members in the institution and to any other relevant externals.					
Good	Past emergency events are recorded.					
Best	The Communication Plan and Contact List are posted in a central location.					
	The contact list is updated quarterly and as needed.					
	Someone is responsible for updating the Contact List.					
SPACE 8	& FACILITY Goals					
Basic	Emergency alarm systems are installed (smoke detectors, fire alarms and moisture sensors).					
	Sprinklers are installed and maintained in your storage area.					
	Alarm systems are tested regularly.					
	Floor plans for all buildings have been compiled and are available in case of an emergency.					
	A Collection Risk Assessment has been completed to identify risks.					
	Building areas with known risks are patrolled regularly.					
Good	Spaces into the building have been identified in case of salvage activities.					
	Museum tours have been given or scheduled for the Local Fire Department.					
	Floor plans are annotated with the locations of collection storage areas, emergency supplies and emergency equipment.					
	An Emergency Collections Tracking System has been developed.					
	Leak detection alarms are installed in collection storage spaces.					
Best	Floor plans are annotated with the locations of high priority items for salvage. **Note: If there is a security concern, develop a strategy to make this information available in time of emergency.					
	Updated Collections Risk Assessments are performed prior to, during and after construction, renovation, or reconfiguration events.					

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