

Emergency Sector Disability Awareness (ESDA) Learning Module

What is the learning need?

Government and emergency services personnel asked for disability awareness training that focuses on what is important in the context of inclusive emergency management planning and practices.

How does ESDA respond to that need?

ESDA provides a three-part introductory video-based learning module on disability awareness for the emergency sector.



Part 1: Introduction to disability for the emergency sector

In Part 1, we focus on how different models or approaches to disability shape the way we view people with disability and how people with disability view themselves. We use this information to consider how emergency plans are developed, whether they are inclusive of people with disability, and how we respond to the support needs that people have in emergency situations.



Part 2: Introduction to disability advocacy for the emergency sector

In Part 2, we differentiate between self, individual and systemic advocacy and learn who participates in disability advocacy. We consider the importance of collaborating with disability advocates as a key strategy that will help government and emergency services to identify and remove barriers that impact the health, safety, and well-being of people with disability in emergencies.



Part 3: Introduction to disability representation for the emergency sector

In Part 3, we focus on what disability representation is and how it can be used to promote more inclusive and empathetic understanding of disability. Emphasis is placed on the role of representation and participation in inclusive emergency management planning and practices.

Each part of the ESDA learning module shares lived experiences of disability and invites you to consider your role in government and emergency services and how you can change the experience of inclusion, safety and well-being for people with disability in a disaster risk context.

How does ESDA link to the Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) Certificate?

This ESDA Learning Module compliments the P-CEP Certificate offered through The University of Sydney Centre for Continuing Education. ESDA can be completed before or after undertaking P-CEP, or as a stand-alone module.



To access the ESDA Learning Module :

<https://collaborating4inclusion.org/emergency-sector-disability-awareness/>



To find out more about the P-CEP Certificate:

<https://collaborating4inclusion.org/leave-nobody-behind/pcep-short-course/>

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