

Get involved with disaster assistance

BEFORE

CONNECT

with your local Disaster Assistance Program through state or local AIA chapters.

If a local program doesn't already exist, consider spearheading one; see [page 103](#).

COORDINATE

with your state or local chapter to institute the five components of a State Disaster Assistance Program.

Learn the disaster assistance essentials on [page 54](#).

DEVELOP

relationships with state officials and the community—well in advance of a disaster.

Find out who your best allies are on [page 52](#).

BUILD

a broad geographic network of volunteers.

When disaster strikes, architects within the affected area will be focused on their own families, homes, and businesses.

Learn about volunteer activation on [page 57](#).

DURING

CONFIRM

that a request for disaster assistance has been made by the authority.

Follow the disaster protocol on [page 73](#).

LEARN

what certification and training is needed to serve your community in an emergency on [page 70](#).

PROTECT

your personal safety and professional liability if you're volunteering in a disaster response effort.

Learn how on [page 72](#).

COMPARE

your state's Good Samaritan legislation on [page 116](#).

AFTER

UNDERSTAND

local recovery challenges and community needs.

Case studies of common hurdles and unexpected opportunities featured on [page 88](#).

PREVENT

the next hazard from becoming a disaster.

Employ hazard mitigation tactics on [page 42](#).

RENEW

your community by choosing wisely to repair, rebuild, retrofit or relocate.

Learn about recovery options on [page 95](#).

ANYTIME

REDUCE RISK

of disaster by evaluating how vulnerable you and your clients are.

Find the data you need to prioritize hazard mitigation design decisions on [page 41](#).

PARTICIPATE

in community hazard, disaster recovery and resilience planning and policy efforts to create a more sustainable community.

See policy efforts outlined on [page 33](#).

GET INVOLVED

in your community's adoption, application, and enforcement of building codes and standards on [page 38](#).