

WASAFE

Washington State Safety Assessment Facility Evaluators

WAsafe is a program to train, enroll and dispatch volunteers to perform post-disaster building safety assessments. These volunteers can assist city and county building officials whose workload, following a disaster such as an earthquake, flood, or catastrophic storm, is expected to be overwhelming.

There will be a pressing need to evaluate homes, businesses and shelters to confirm they are safe to occupy after a large disaster. Local governmental building officials will need additional labor resources to perform thousands of assessments on partially or significantly damaged buildings.

Volunteers will be deployed under Washington State's Good Samaritan Laws (RCW 38.52.180 - Immunity from liability for covered volunteers).

***WAsafe is a resource for
Emergency Managers
performing post-disaster
building safety assessments***



OBJECTIVES

- Assist building officials with building safety assessments following a disaster (earthquake, flood, storm)
- Develop a group of qualified volunteer evaluators
- Provide WAsafe volunteer evaluator training
- Maintain registry of volunteer evaluators
- Assist WA State EMD in calling up and dispatching volunteer evaluators

COALITION

The WAsafe program was developed by a coalition of four statewide non-governmental organizations and the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), in conjunction with the Washington State Emergency Management Division.

- Washington Association of Building Officials (WABO)
- Structural Engineers Association of Washington (SEAW)
- American Institute of Architects, Washington Council (AIA-WA)
- American Society of Civil Engineers, Seattle Section (ASCE)

The database of volunteers is established and maintained on the DOH WAserv system.

CONTACT

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www.wasafecoalition.org