

## BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL - EMERGENCIES

Bolsover District Council has a service level agreement with Derbyshire County Council to undertake its duties in line with the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. As part of this agreement, a Senior Emergency Planning Officer works at Bolsover for 1.5 days per week. Support on other issues such as risk assessment (e.g. hazardous site plans) is also provided by Derbyshire County Council.

The aim of the service is to prepare emergency plans and make arrangements to protect people and the environment in Bolsover or reduce the impact on them from an emergency.

We liaise on a regular basis with the police, fire, ambulance and health services in preparing emergency plans. Joint training and rehearsals take place with these services and other agencies to ensure that these plans will work.

Planning for emergencies ensures that we can better communicate and co-ordinate our efforts.

**Our service is complementary to, and does not replace that provided by the emergency services.**

### Derbyshire Local Resilience Forum

The Derbyshire Local Resilience Forum (LRF) is responsible for the overall direction and policies of emergency planning and preparation in Derbyshire to ensure the effective delivery of the duties under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. The LRF has a dedicated website, [Derbyshire Prepared](#), where you can find information and advice to help you better prepare if there was an emergency in the county.

### Risks

As a designated Category 1 responder under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, we carry our risk assessments within our area. We work with our partners to assess the level of risk for a range of potential threats and hazards. These include threats to human health and the likelihood and potential impacts associated with industrial accidents, flooding and threat of terrorism.

Community risk registers have been compiled to show the results of these assessments, enabling us to better understand our risk and vulnerabilities, decide our priorities and identify and further action required.

Our joint aim is to improve our capability to respond to emergencies, minimise the effects on our communities and keep residents well informed.

### Flooding

Local authorities have no legal obligation to provide assistance during flooding situations; it is the homeowner's responsibility to protect their own property. However, Bolsover District Council would like to remind residents of the necessary steps they can take in order to cope with and be prepared for flooding and the assistance the Council and other organisations can give.

Blocked roadside drains or culvert screens appear blocked, please report to the [County Council Highways](#) department.

[Personal flood resilience](#) is the extent to which you can protect yourself and your property from a flood. An initiative between Bolsover District Council and Derbyshire County Council offers residents supply of 10 free empty sandbags which can be collected from the contact centres and requesting to be sent via the post from Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190

Sandbags, filled bags are available from builder's merchants, other protection systems are available, see personal flood resilience link above.

Although the Council does not have a statutory duty to provide assistance in the event of flooding, it recognises that many residents look to the Council for emergency assistance in times of crisis. The Council therefore aims to provide a limited number of free filled sandbags/or gel sacks where there is

an immediate risk of flooding. This is in line with the Derbyshire wide free sandbag policy and is based on a suitable assessment of risk, taking into account:

- Whether the property has been flooded before
- The source of the potential flood
- How far the water is from entering the residential property

Flood warnings: If you live near a main river (Rivers Erewash and Doe Lea) you may be able to register to receive Flood Warnings from the **Environment Agency** so you know exactly where and what is happening. For real-time flood warnings and advice you can call the Environment Agency's Floodline on 0345 988 1188. The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

## NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL - EMERGENCIES

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### **Business Continuity (*Heading under Business / Business Support and Advice*)**

North East Derbyshire District Council has business continuity management arrangements in place to help it continue to provide key services in the event of an emergency such as severe weather disruption, loss of premises or power failure.

The plan identifies critical functions and the steps that need to be taken to ensure continued service delivery. The policy supporting these arrangements can be viewed *below/right hand menu*.

ATTACHED BUSINESS CONTINUITY POLICY

Business continuity advice for businesses can be found by [clicking here](#).