

State and Federal Agency Emergency Response Advice

1. Obtain Historic Resources List(s) for applicable area(s)
 - Coordinate with SHPO, appropriate Information Center(s), and local jurisdiction(s) and historic preservation groups or associations
 - Share with first responder agencies and entities
2. Identify and acknowledge historic and cultural resources during emergency period (and beyond)
 - Work with entities compiling lists of damaged properties to coordinate and cross-reference inspection and reconnaissance lists with historic resources list(s)
 - Work with local and/or state entities on provisions to declare a damaged property a historic resource following a disaster
3. Actively monitor the assessment and treatment of historic and cultural resources with responders, inspectors, and other activated entities to ensure identification, acknowledgement, and protection of historic resources
 - Avoid further damaging historic resources during cleanup
 - Monitor possible coordination of debris removal to reduce the loss of character defining features and/or materials that can be used to reconstruct damaged property
4. Have available qualified agency staff for inspection, review, and consultation on historic resources
5. Promote the stabilization, shoring, and weatherproofing of damaged buildings ASAP
6. Ensure that all recipients of funding clearly understand all applicable historic preservation requirements, responsibilities, and/or obligations they must meet as part of receiving any money
7. Request from local jurisdiction(s) and make available a list of area qualified professionals and preservation organizations that can provide assistance with inspections and recovery efforts
8. Distribute information on how buildings are inspected and marked with red, yellow, and green tags
9. Provide and distribute information on **historic preservation tools** and **financial incentives**

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The California State Office of Historic Preservation (CASHPO) offers this advice on the recognition and protection of historic and cultural resources in light of emergency situations.

- This response advice does not preclude the need for emergency preparedness.
- Many response comments are based on timely property maintenance and emergency preparedness measures that can easily be done in advance of any emergency and that may possibly limit or prevent damage to historic properties in emergencies.
 - **Be Prepared!** Maintain qualified staff and keep contact information current.

Basics

Identify Historic Properties

- *Share information*

Protect Historic Properties

- *Stabilize, secure, shore, and weatherproof as necessary and ASAP*
- *Do no additional damage*

Maintain Historic Properties

- *Repair, restore, and/or return to use*

Helpful Tools

- The Secretary of the Interior's Standards
- The California Historical Building Code

Helpful Publications

- 20 Tools That Protect Historic Resources After An Earthquake
- Temporary Shoring & Stabilization of Earthquake Damaged Historic Buildings
- NPS Preservation Briefs 17, 31, 35, and 43

Additional Information

- Active Disasters (activated by an event); www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/activedisasters
- Disasters and Historic Resources; www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/disasters

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