



# Hawaii Hazards Awareness & Resilience Program (HHARP)

The aim of the **Hawaii Hazards Awareness and Resilience Program (HHARP)** is to help communities prepare to be self-reliant during and after natural hazard events, improve their ability to take care of their own needs, and reduce the negative impacts of disasters.



HHARP can **enhance community resilience** through education and outreach sessions that build awareness and understanding of hazard mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. State and county emergency management agencies have partnered to administer HHARP in support of community leaders willing to implement the program.



The resources in the HHARP program and accompanying **HHARP Resource Kit** will help communities build resilience through:

- ✓ Increasing awareness of hazards;
- ✓ Enhancing understanding of official warning information;
- ✓ Educating residents about response actions;
- ✓ Improving personal preparedness;
- ✓ Helping communities identify useful skills and resources they already have;
- ✓ Developing the understanding needed to select appropriate hazard mitigation measures;
- ✓ Guiding communities in the development of emergency plans and exercises;
- ✓ Providing support for community outreach events; and
- ✓ Identifying opportunities for additional training and education.

Participants in the HHARP will be **better able to safeguard their loved ones**, homes, and property. They will know how to work with their neighbors to plan and prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters. They also will reduce the burden on emergency responders by becoming more self-reliant.

Please contact Ms. Crystal van Beelen, Disaster Preparedness Officer,  
City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management at (808) 723-8956 for more information.



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# Hawaii Hazards Awareness & Resilience Program Resource Kit

The **HHARP Resource Kit** is a carefully composed collection of information and presentation materials that can be used to help communities build resilience to the impacts of natural hazards. Building community resilience is a continual process, so the Kit is designed to support *sustained* community outreach and promote awareness of tropical cyclone, earthquake, flood, and tsunami hazards. It will help communities mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.

Working with the HHARP Resource Kit citizens can understand the hazards they face, learn to assess their risk and vulnerability, make personal preparedness plans, and assemble disaster supply kits. Working together, community members can assess existing skills and capacities, and develop a community emergency plan.



Nine of the ten **Resource Kit modules** are linked to “milestones” that signify steps taken toward community resilience. These sequential steps give participating communities a way to measure their progress. While the primary motivation is to improve safety, protect lives, and safeguard property, communities that accomplish all milestones will be recognized by the State of Hawaii for their efforts.



The **HHARP Resource Kit** includes **10 modules**:

1. Hazard Awareness
2. Detection, Warning and Response
3. Personal Preparedness Planning
4. Community Resource Mapping
5. Risk Assessment
6. Disaster Planning
7. Exercising the Plan
8. Mitigating Your Risk
9. Outreach Events and Resources
10. Professional Development



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