

# SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Social work is a regulated health profession in Newfoundland and Labrador. There are over 1700 social workers registered to practice social work throughout the province. Social workers adhere to a Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice in providing essential, competent, and high-quality services.

Registered Social Workers employed in the field of emergency management are involved in:

- Informing and advancing policies and programs that promote the four Canadian Framework Pillars of Emergency Management - **Preparedness, Prevention/Mitigation, Response, and Recovery.**
- Building partnerships and encouraging collaboration between emergency management partners, first responders, and community stakeholders.
- Coordinating emergency services which impact life and safety, property and infrastructure, organizational administration, and daily business and/or organizational reputation.
- Promoting public and educational awareness of the need to be prepared for any emergency and engaging in research and developing applicable alert notification procedures.
- Ensuring risk assessments, mitigation strategies, and business continuity plans are developed and completed - identifying the critical and vital services and resource inventories required during emergencies.
- Working with communities, agencies, corporate companies, and universities to develop and maintain emergency management plans, including exercise design and testing plans in simulated emergency environments.
- Ensuring respect for culture, values, ethics, and diversity when planning for potential risk within communities.
- Creating assessments and processes to analyze how adverse events have impacted people and communities.
- Working with individuals, communities, and stakeholders to ensure that food, clothing, shelter, and personal supports, including psychological first aid, are available to affected persons during an emergency.
- Ensuring the emotional, psychological, and financial needs of people are met in a timely manner following emergencies, including advocating for recovery efforts on their behalf.
- Expediting the recovery and resumption of normal day-to-day activities following emergencies.

Further information about the social work profession can be found at [www.nlcsw.ca](http://www.nlcsw.ca) or by contacting:

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