

Qualitative Measures of Risk Consequence of Impact

Level	Description	Characteristics
1	Insignificant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No injuries or fatalities. Small number or no people displaced, and only for short duration. Little or no personal support required (support not financial or material). • Inconsequential or no damage. Little or no disruption to community. • No measurable impact on environment. • Little or no financial loss.
2	Minor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small number of injuries, but no fatalities. Minor medical treatment required. Some displacement of people (less than 24 hours). Some personal support required. • Some damage. Some disruption (less than 24 hours). • Small impact on environment with no lasting effects. • Some financial loss.
3	Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical treatment required, but no fatalities. Some hospitalization. Localized displacement of people who return within 24 hours. Personal support satisfied through local arrangements. • Localized damage, which is rectified by routine arrangements. Normal community functioning with some inconvenience. • Some impact on the environment with no long-term effects, or small impact on environment with long term effect. • Significant financial loss.
4	Major	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive injuries, significant hospitalization, large number displaced (more than 24 hours duration). Fatalities. External resources required for personal support. • Significant damage that requires external resources. Community only partially functioning, some services unavailable. • Some impact on environment with long term effects. • Significant financial loss—some financial assistance required.
5	Catastrophic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large number of severe injuries requiring hospitalization. Significant fatalities. General displacement for extended duration. Extensive personal support. • Extensive damage. Community unable to function without significant support. • Significant impact on environment and/or permanent damage. • Huge financial loss—unable to function without significant support.

Table 2 Source: City of Manningham (Victoria, Australia) Community Emergency Risk Management Plan (2009)