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# About the Manual

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Emergency management is one of the essential activities of any community. At its most comprehensive, emergency management involves implementation of protective safety strategies, acting during emergencies to reduce personal injury and losses of life, property and the environment, and the assisting of people to recover and continue with their lives. These tasks require the combined expertise and resources of the emergency services, other government and private organisations, municipal councils and the people of the whole community.

Victorians can be justifiably proud of their emergency management arrangements, which have been developed after some major and destructive emergencies, involving massive losses to the State and its people. The arrangements have since proven effective in many large and small emergencies, and justify the effort that goes into maintaining them.

Comprehensive emergency management requires participation by many organisations and individuals who understand their particular roles and responsibilities.

This manual integrates into a single multi-part book the principal policy and planning documents for emergency management in Victoria<sup>1</sup>. While primarily intended for an audience of emergency management practitioners, the manual is designed also to be of interest and use to those who simply need to understand more about the arrangements and how they operate.

It is designed to provide information and guidance on what the emergency management arrangements are, the role of the various organisations within them, and the planning and management arrangements that bring all the different elements together.

The manual provides essential information for people who have a direct involvement in emergency management, whether in a full-time capacity, an occasional component of their normal duties, or perhaps as an emergency service volunteer. For those with specific planning responsibilities, the manual provides policy guidance on emergency management planning in the municipal and regional situations.

The manual is continually revised and updated, not only to account for changes in agency contact information, but also to describe and define improvements and changes in the management of emergencies and the inter-organisational arrangements.

Updates for this manual are available from the website [www.emv.vic.gov.au/policies/emmv](http://www.emv.vic.gov.au/policies/emmv). You can register to be advised when they are available<sup>2</sup>. Alternatively users can purchase a print subscription from Anstat. Users of the manual are also invited to suggest improvements and amendments. Please send them to the address shown for inquiries about content.

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<sup>1</sup> From 30 September 2020, key parts of the manual are being published separately in the State Emergency Management Plan (SEMP) – the SEMP can be accessed from the Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) website

<sup>2</sup> Registrations are no longer available – check EMV website for updates

This manual is produced by Emergency Management Victoria. Ensuring the information it contains is accurate and current would not be possible without the contributions and assistance of many people covering all the organisations identified within its pages.

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