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Overview

# Objective

To identify potential community consequences following a disaster and prepare for future needs.

# Preparation

**Who will be involved:** facilitators, workshop participants

**Suggested activity length:** 1 hour

**Materials:** the activity instructions, writing supplies

**Other things to consider:** Think about using key takeaways you might have gathered from the Hazards Storytelling Exercise to help stimulate conversation in this activity

**Resources:**  Refer to the Hazards Data Sources if you want to explore ideas about hazards that might affect your community

# Output

Key takeaways concerning future infrastructure needs, vulnerable populations, cascading impacts, and potential action areas.

# Next Steps

Consider completing the Expand your Knowledge section where you can collect data about hazards and equity in your community

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# Instructions

1. Decide which type of disaster or disasters is most relevant to your community (e.g., transportation accident, sea level rise, wildfire, drought, radiological incident).
2. Break into small groups of 5-8 people and talk through the discussion prompts.
3. Come back into a large group and discuss key findings and themes from small groups.
4. Record findings in the **Key Takeaways**.

# Discussion Prompts

* + How might such a disaster unfold? How would it create cascading impacts to property, health, livelihoods, education, and other aspects of community life?
  + Who would be most affected? How would different people in the community be differentially impacted by this event?
  + How would social, natural, and built environment systems support all community members through the initial incident and cascading impacts?
  + What changes do we need to current systems to get there?
  + What decisions do we need to be making now that lead to a positive future?