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Overview

Response is the action taken during and in the first period after an emergency to reduce the effects and consequences of the emergency on people, their livelihoods, wellbeing and property; on the environment; and to meet basic human needs.

When viewing the Control Agencies for response (table 9) and Lead Response Support Agencies for response (table 10) tables, two response sections of the [interactive and functional SEMP PDF \(/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities\)](#) should also be considered:

- 1. the Response section under Emergency Management Phases
- 2. the Response section under Emergency Management Arrangements.

Users (including response planners) should use the Control Agencies for response (table 9) and Lead Response Support Agencies (table 10) tables to identify agencies and functional areas that should be considered and/or included in response plans. The tables do not list all agencies that may be involved in any particular emergency, nor do they list all

potential emergencies.

Control Agencies for response

Control Agencies for response are primarily responsible for managing the response to a specified form of emergency, and responsible for establishing the management arrangements for an integrated response to the emergency.

Control Agencies for response (table 9), which the [Emergency Management Act 2013](https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/emergency-management-act-2013/) (<https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/emergency-management-act-2013/>) requires, identifies Control Agencies for response in a specified form of emergency, with *sub-plans also listed for some emergencies, where applicable, but there are exceptions to the listing in certain circumstances*. Where multiple Control Agencies are listed for the same emergency type, the Control Agency responsibility is delineated through legislation or administrative arrangements.

Lead Response Support Agencies

Lead Response Support Agencies (table 10 (</responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/response>)), which the *Emergency Management Act 2013* requires, identifies functional areas to be considered that may be impacted during the response to a form of emergency, and the corresponding Lead Response Support Agencies (RSAs).

Lead RSAs provide services, personnel or material to support or assist a Control and/or a Coordination Agency and/or members of the public during the response to a form of emergency, within the considered functional area. The Lead RSA is the agency that is generally the most closely aligned to the functional area, with other agencies also having the potential to be RSAs, if they have the skills, expertise or resources to contribute to the response to a form of emergency.

Where there is a functional area required to manage an emergency but is not listed or there is uncertainty as to which agency may potentially support this function, the EMC (</responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-22>) or relevant emergency response coordinator may request any agency to lead this function.

Table 9: Control Agencies for response

▼ <u>Emergency: A disruption to an essential service</u>		
▼ <u>Emergency: A warlike act or act of terrorism, hijack, siege or riot</u>		
▼ <u>Emergency: Fire and explosion</u>		
▼ <u>Emergency: Hazardous materials incident</u>		
▼ <u>Emergency: Natural event</u>		
Form of emergency	Control Agency	Class of major emergency
Blue-green algae	DEECA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-department-of-energy-environment-and-climate-action)	2

Form of emergency	Control Agency	Class of major emergency
Heat (see SEMP Extreme Heat Sub-Plan)	<u>EMC (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-22)</u>	2
Earthquake (see SEMP Earthquake Sub-Plan)	<u>VICSES (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-44)</u>	1
Flood (see SEMP Flood Sub-Plan)	<u>VICSES (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-44)</u>	1
Storm (see SEMP Storm Sub-Plan)	<u>VICSES (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-44)</u>	1
Tsunami (see SEMP Tsunami Sub-Plan)	<u>VICSES (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-44)</u>	1
Landslide	<u>VICSES (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-44)</u>	1

▼ Emergency: Plague or an epidemic or contamination

▼ Emergency: Rescue

▼ Emergency: Search

▼ Emergency: Other

Table 10: Lead Response Support Agencies

Functional area	Lead response support agency (RSA)
Ambulance services/first aid/pre-hospital care	AV (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-ambulance-victoria)
Health command	AV (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-ambulance-victoria)
Weather	BoM (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-bureau-of-meteorology)
Responder agencies	<p>CFA (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-11)</p> <p>FRV (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-fire-rescue-victoria)</p> <p>DEECA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-department-of-energy-environment-and-climate-action)</p> <p>VICSES (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-44)</p>
Rescue: aircraft, building/structure collapse, vehicle into building/structure, rail	<p>CFA (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-11)</p> <p>FRV (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-fire-rescue-victoria)</p> <p>VICSES (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-44)</p> <p>Volunteer Search and Rescue Organisations</p>

Functional area	Lead response support agency (RSA)
Rescue: road	<p>CFA (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-11).</p> <p>FRV (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-fire-rescue-victoria).</p> <p>VICSES (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-44).</p> <p>Volunteer Search and Rescue Organisations</p>
Rescue: industrial	<p>CFA (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-11).</p> <p>FRV (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-fire-rescue-victoria).</p> <p>VICSES (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-44).</p> <p>Volunteer Search and Rescue Organisations</p>
Coronial services	CCOV (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-10) .
Courts	Court Services Victoria
Education	DE (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-12) .
Agriculture	DEECA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-department-of-energy-environment-and-climate-action) .
Animal welfare (livestock and companion animals)	DEECA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-department-of-energy-environment-and-climate-action) .
Earth resources (mines)	DEECA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-department-of-energy-environment-and-climate-action) .
Fish death events due to natural causes	DEECA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-department-of-energy-environment-and-climate-action) .
Public land	DEECA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-department-of-energy-environment-and-climate-action) .

Functional area	Lead response support agency (RSA)
Spatial data	<u>DEECA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-department-of-energy-environment-and-climate-action)</u>
Threatened ecosystems and species	<u>DEECA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-department-of-energy-environment-and-climate-action)</u>
Waste service disruption	<u>DEECA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-department-of-energy-environment-and-climate-action)</u>
Human services and community wellbeing	<u>DFFH (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-58)</u>
Consumer Affairs	<u>DGS (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-61)</u>
Local government	<u>DGS (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-61)</u>
Public telecommunications	<u>DGS (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-61)</u>
Health protection – public health	<u>DH (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-57)</u>
Health services	<u>DH (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-57)</u>
Corrections	<u>DJCS (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-16)</u>
Business and industry	<u>DJSIR (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-15)</u>
Cross-border relations	<u>DJSIR (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-15)</u>
Food and grocery supply continuity	<u>DJSIR (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-15)</u>
Post-school education	<u>DJSIR (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-15)</u>

Functional area	Lead response support agency (RSA)
Tourism	DJSIR (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-15)
Public transport	DTP (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-18)
Rail	DTP (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-18)
Roads	DTP (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-18)
Transport (including ports and access to aerodromes[1])	DTP (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-18)
Media/communications	EMV (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-23)
Environment and environmental public health impact (air, land and water quality)	EPA (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-environmental-protection-authority)
Emergency services telecommunications	TZV (/responsibilities/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role-statements/role-statement-triple-zero-victoria)
Specific facilities (including secure facilities)	Owner or manager
Fisheries (in Victorian waters)	VFA (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-47)
Deceased person identification	VicPol (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-43)
WorkSafe	Victorian WorkCover Authority (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-56)
Insurance and risk advice	VMIA (/responsibilities/emergency-management-planning/emergency-management-planning-resource-library-0/emergency-management-plans/state-emergency-management-plan-semp/roles-and-responsibilities/role/role-49)
Reticulated water and wastewater (sewerage)	Water corporations

Footnotes

1. For the purposes of the SEMP, an 'aerodrome' is defined as an area of land or water (including buildings, installations, and equipment) being such an area intended for use wholly or partly for the arrival, departure, or movement of aircraft, whilst an 'airport' includes an aerodrome, but also includes extended facilities, commercial buildings and infrastructure, not necessarily connected with aviation.

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