Lambeth Council's

Community Risk Register

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Introduction

The Lambeth Community Risk Register is designed as an easy to understand online booklet. It's purpose is to explain the types of risks that might occur, have the potential to cause disruption and how you can help protect yourself and others. The Lambeth Risk Register aligns with the London Risk Register available here as a downloadable PDF.

The first step is preparation: use the HM Government's downloadable and printable household emergency plan to record key information in one document. You could keep this with other important documents such as passports, birth certificates and insurance policies so it's easier to gather them quickly if you are asked to evacuate your house.

The second step is knowing what to do: which is covered in the following pages for key risks.

Utilities failure

If you have a power cut, call 105
Follow these steps if you experience a power cut.

If you smell gas
Report a gas leak or for gas emergency services, there's a free, 24-hour National Gas Emergency Helpline you can call on 0800 111 999.

If you have no water
If you have no water, experience low water pressure or a water emergency, contact Thames Water.

Priority Services Register (PSR)
Find out if you are eligible to sign up to your gas, energy or water providers' Priority Service Registers – by signing up to the register, you can let your supplier know that you need additional support, including when there is an interruption to your supply.

Fire safety

Install smoke alarms in your home
74% of reported fires occurred in properties without a working smoke alarm.

Plan an escape route
A plan can save your life in an emergency.

Fire prevention in the kitchen
Keep a fire extinguisher nearby.

Call 999 if there is a fire
Ask for the fire service, no matter how small, as small fires can turn into larger fires.

Flooding

Reducing the risk of flooding in your home
There are a range of steps you can take to prepare for a flooding event.

Sign up to flood warnings in your area
Sign up to get warnings in Lambeth if your home or business is at risk of flooding.

Report local flooding
Information you need about flooding and blocked gullies in Lambeth, who's responsible and how you can report incidents.

Check for flooding in your area
This service tells you your risk of flooding from rivers, the sea and groundwater.

Storms

Severe storms
These can result in damage to buildings, serious social disruption and/or loss of life.

Keep up to date with weather alerts
Sign up to weather alerts.

Keep safe
What you can do to keep safe before a storm, during a storm and after a storm.

Travelling in storms
Storms are more likely to form in the winter months causing strong winds, rain or snow.

Extreme cold

Keep your home warm
Set your heating to come on 30 minutes before you wake up and turn off 30 minutes before you go to bed.

Keep the draughts out
Draught-proofing and lining your curtains with thermal material can keep your home warm.

Wear warm clothes
Wrap up warmly before going out.

Take care of yourself
Make sure you have hot meals and stay active to keep you healthy and warm.

Extreme heat

Keep yourself protected
The hottest time of day is between 11am and 3pm. If you go out, apply sunscreen, walk in the shade and drink plenty of cold drinks.

Watch out for signs of heat-related illness

Be a good neighbour
Look out for others, especially vulnerable groups such as the elderly, young children and babies and those with serious illnesses.

Closed cars can be dangerous
Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle, especially for infants, young children or animals.

Public Health

Protecting your health
Vaccines are safe and effective and give you the best protection against viruses.

Drug and alcohol misuse and support
If you are worried about your alcohol and recreational drug use, you can get advice and support.

Sexual health
Find more information about our sexual health services and HIV prevention and support.

Violence and abuse
Find information and links to organisations that can provide help and support.

Air quality

Take improving our air quality seriously
Pollution is a silent killer and affects our vulnerable residents the most.

Improving air quality, Lambeth's Vision
We have put in place a series of measures to minimise air pollution and improve air quality.

Do your bit to improve air quality
Walk, cycle or use public transport.

Sign up for free air text alerts and forecasts

Protect yourself online

Protect you, your family and your technology
Take action to secure your online accounts. It's more important than ever to make your cyber security a priority.

Be alert online
Phishing is an online attack designed to trick a person into revealing sensitive information such as login credentials and banking details.

Be password-wise
Use strong passwords and regularly change them.

Get protected
Use up to date, anti-virus software.

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) and Malicious Risks

Don't risk it
If you discover an object that you suspect could be an item of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) call 999 and ask for the police.

Have a plan
Plan what to take with you if you have to evacuate. What to put in a grab bag:
https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/emergencies/staying-safe-emergency

Awareness
The UK as a whole faces a complex and enduring threat of attack from a variety of sources. For more information on the sources of potential attacks, the methodologies they might use, or general info, take a look at the National Risk Register.

Guidance
It is important to know how you could protect yourself, should the need arise.
See it say it sort it.
Run hide tell.