

The Need for a National Disaster Safety Act

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Disasters are becoming more frequent, more severe and more costly. Despite spending billions, US disaster mortality (death) rates have not changed over the past 50 years. Prevention is shown to be the most effective approach for saving lives. However, the US approach remains largely reactive.

This presentation will discuss the need for a National Disaster Safety Act for lowering disaster-related deaths. It is based upon the model of the successful National Highway Transportation Safety Act. The act would establish a National Disaster Safety Administration, a National Disaster Safety Board and a National Center for Disaster Statistics.