

Know your control agencies

South Australia's Emergency Management Act 2004 establishes strategies and systems for the management of emergencies in the State and promotes community resilience and reduce community vulnerability in the event of an emergency.

Under the Act, the responsibility for overall coordination in an emergency is the Commissioner of Police, including managing and coordinating response and recovery and ensuring the State Emergency Management Committee has adequate information to fulfil its monitoring functions.

In summary: SAPOL is the co-ordinating agency for all emergencies.

Control agencies are responsible for managing the response to a specified form of emergency, including establishing management arrangements for an integrated response. In simple terms, this means that agencies manage their specialist areas of responsibility, e.g. CFS/MFS for fires, SES for floods, and PIRSA for animal health and biosecurity.

Emergency	Control Agency
Aircraft accident	South Australia Police (SAPOL)
Animal, plant and marine disease	Department of Primary Industries and Regions
Black system event (a large scale blackout of the power system)	SAPOL
Bomb threat	SAPOL
Cyber crisis	Department of the Premier and Cabinet
Earthquake	SAPOL
Extreme weather	South Australian State Emergency Service
Rural fire	South Australian Country Fire Service
Urban Fire	South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service
Flood	South Australian State Emergency Service
Food or drinking water contamination	Department for Health and Wellbeing (SA Health)
Fuel, gas and electricity shortages	Department for Energy and Mining
Hazardous materials emergencies	CFS or MFS
Human epidemic	SA Health
Marine transport accidents	SAPOL
Marine pollution (coastal)	Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Rail accident	SAPOL
Riverbank collapse	SAPOL
Road/transport accident	SAPOL
Search and rescue (land and sea)	SAPOL
Siege/Hostage	SAPOL
Terrorist incident	SAPOL

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