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Community Risk Register

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This PDF summarises the main risks affecting West Yorkshire and aims to help individuals, communities and businesses be better informed, prepared and able to respond should an emergency arise.

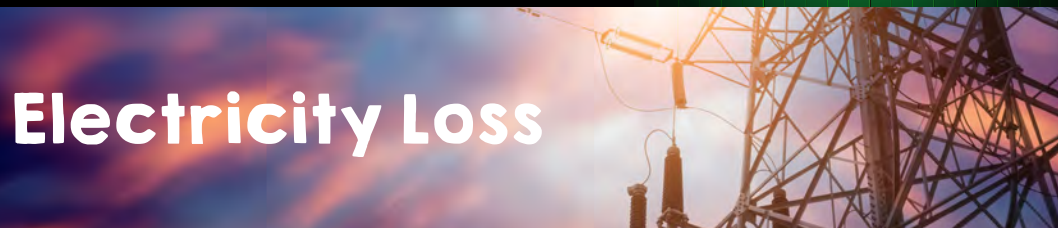
There are currently four risks deemed ‘very high’ facing our region, which means they could have an effect on our routine day-to-day lives if they were to happen:

Severe weather (Including flooding)

Health Pandemic



Electricity Loss



Malicious Attack



The inclusion of these risks in the Risk Register does not mean they will definitely occur. It means there is a possibility of them happening and therefore all agencies within the Local Resilience Forum have plans in place to respond if needed.

For more information about the risks facing our region, and advice on how to prepare and cope with them, please visit our [website](#).

Severe weather

Severe weather is one of the main causes of disruption in West Yorkshire. Cold and snow, high winds, heatwaves and flooding can disrupt infrastructure and businesses, and risk people's health.



Impacts of severe weather can include:

- ✓ Travel disruption, school closures and disruption to utilities
- ✓ Psychological problems, risk to lives and ill health
- ✓ Evacuation, damage to properties and pollution

For more information on how to prepare for severe weather, visit www.westyorkshireprepared.org.uk/severe-weather

Keep up to date with the Met Office for the [latest weather forecasts](#) and [weather warnings](#). You can also sign up for [Met Office alerts](#). For health and wellbeing hints and tips during extreme temperatures, the NHS offers [heatwave](#) and [cold weather](#) advice, and the [Met Office](#) has lots of information for coping in different weather.



**TUNE IN TO LOCAL
NEWS FOR THE
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UPDATES!**

Flooding

The Environment Agency should be your first port of call for flooding advice. You can **check your flood risk**, sign-up to receive **flood warnings** and find out **how to prepare for flooding**.



Other sources of information:



[National Flood Forum](#)

Independent charity, supporting those at risk of flooding



Met Office



[Met Office](#)

Weather warnings and advice



[West Yorkshire Prepared](#)

Advice on preparing for a flood

You can download a full '[flooding checklist](#)' from our website, but if you live in a flood risk area, here are some key points to think about:

- ✔ If you have to evacuate, plan where you will go and how you will get there.
- ✔ Have your medication to hand.
- ✔ If you have pets, consider who could look after them?
- ✔ Avoid non-essential journeys. If you have to travel, plan ahead and take essential items such as food, drink and a blanket.
- ✔ Check on older or vulnerable relatives and neighbours.
- ✔ Get property repairs fixed. Secure loose items such as garden furniture.

Health Pandemic



A pandemic can occur at any time and happens when a new virus spreads easily from person to person. It can vary in its severity and impact, causing anything from mild symptoms through to severe health issues.

Consequences include

- ✓ Overloading the health and social care services.
- ✓ Staff shortages, which can result in widespread disruption and impact the provision of essential services.

You can reduce the risks to yourself and others by observing good basic hygiene:



Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.



Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. When this isn't possible, use hand sanitiser.



Clean hard surfaces such as worktops, door handles and handrails frequently.



If you are infectious, avoid unnecessary contact with other people.



Make sure you and your family are up to date with available recommended vaccinations

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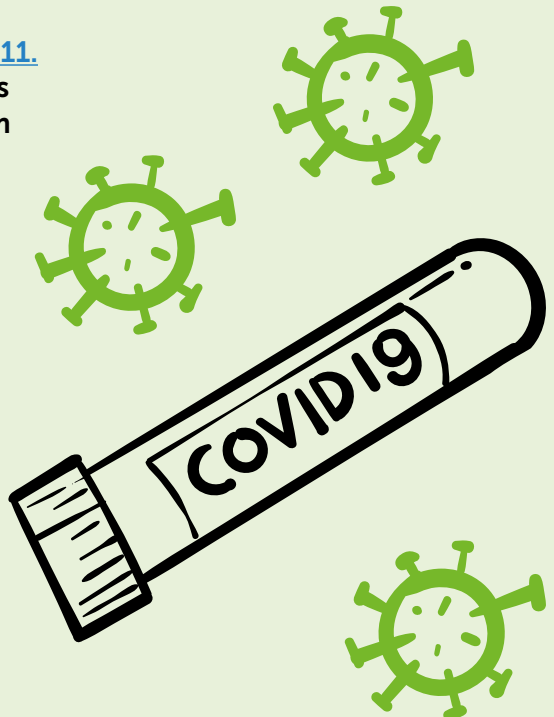
A few simple tips:

- Observe NHS, Local Authority and Government advice, particularly to stop illness spreading.
- Be aware of workplace arrangements and, if you own a business, have a contingency plan in place.
- Identify a friend who could collect your medication, food and other supplies, which will allow you to stay at home when ill.
- Have your doctor's telephone number to hand and know the contingency arrangements of your child's school.

If you have concerns, and your health issue is not urgent, visit 111.nhs.uk or call 111. More advice is available from [the NHS](https://www.nhs.uk) and from the [UK Health Security Agency](https://www.ukhsa.gov.uk).



when it's less
urgent than 999



Electricity Loss



Electricity loss can be caused by a number of things, such as severe weather, accidental damage or malicious attack, which damage the distribution network. Failures can be local, regional or national with significant impacts on people and, possibly, critical services.

What you can do:






Report, or get information about, a power cut by calling [105](tel:105). It's free of charge and will put you through to your [local network operator](#) who can give you help and advice.



You can also report a power cut, and view planned and unplanned power cuts on [Northern Power Grid's](#) website.

When your fuel supply is disrupted, your electricity, gas or water supplier should keep you informed.

-  Electricity failure may lead to disruption of essential services, transport, food, water, fuel, gas, finance and communications.
-  Keep a torch handy at home. Avoid using candles or paraffin heaters.
-  If appropriate, register as a vulnerable customer with your providers.



Malicious Attack

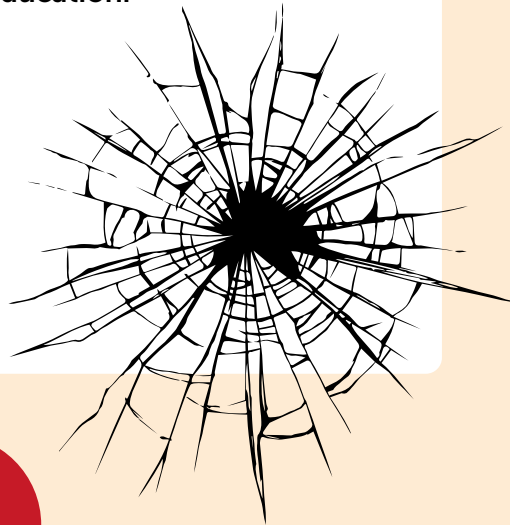
In the current climate, the threat of terrorism is real and ongoing. By ensuring we all know how to recognise the signs and know what action to take, we can work together to prevent acts of terrorism.

Rest assured, the Police, national agencies and Local Authorities in West Yorkshire work together continuously and tirelessly to ensure our region is prepared for and protected from malicious attacks. However, it is also important that you remain vigilant and aware and report anything suspicious promptly.

You can check the current national threat level on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) and find out more information [here](#). Attacks can take many forms and may have several outcomes.

Consequences of malicious attacks can include:

- ✔ Fatalities and psychological casualties.
- ✔ Damage to property or infrastructure and people needing to be evacuated or sheltered.
- ✔ Disruption to essential services - particularly energy, transport, telecommunications, health and education.
- ✔ Environmental contamination – including natural and urban environments, animals, infrastructure, food and water.
- ✔ Inaccessible systems and information services, confidentiality breaches and damaged or corrupted data.





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POLICING**

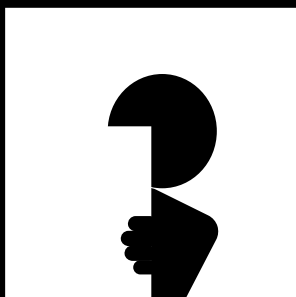
ACT

**ACTION
COUNTERS
TERRORISM**

The ACT (Action Counters Terrorism) campaign from Counter Terrorism Policing provides a definitive guide on what you need to do if you see or suspect anything suspicious. This short ACT film also provides a good overview. You can help by doing the following:

- ✓ Always report anyone acting suspiciously; your information may be vital. If you come across anything that might be linked with terrorist activity, tell the police.
- ✓ See something suspicious? Report it. Dial 101 or the anti-terror hotline 0800 789321. Or use the secure online form at gov.uk/ACT.
- ✓ Caught in an incident? You must [Run Hide Tell](#). In an emergency, always dial 999.

RUN HIDE TELL



Don't panic **PREPARE!**

We can all plan ahead to minimise the impact in the event of an emergency.

Visit our website for more tips on being ready to act in an emergency situation, or take a look at our 'Don't Panic, Prepare' booklet.



West Yorkshire Prepared

West Yorkshire Prepared – the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) for West Yorkshire - is a partnership of organisations which work together to plan, prepare and respond to emergencies across West Yorkshire. The forum is a requirement of the [Civil Contingencies Act 2004](#). The organisations within the multi-agency partnership work together to help our communities prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and major incidents.

West Yorkshire Prepared consists of:

Fire and rescue, police and ambulance services



West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service



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Five local authorities:
Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees,
Leeds and Wakefield



The NHS, Environment Agency,
Met Office, UK Health Security
Agency and British Transport Police



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