



CHECKLIST 1: individual or community member

💡 General Actions

Actions for Gender Equity

- Recognise that the way men and women act is often the result of social conditioning and these gendered roles can leave women at a disadvantage both during and after disasters
- Resist stereotypes –base all initiatives on knowledge of difference and specific cultural, economic, political and sexual context, not generalisations (Gender and Disasters Network 2005 p. 159).

Surviving Disaster

- Before, during, and after disasters, challenge expectations that men will behave in a defined 'masculine' way – encourage expression of emotion.

Domestic Violence

- Be aware that women are at increased risk of violence. Understand that disaster is no excuse for DV.
- Name it: Say the word 'violent'- not 'stressed' and 'angry'.
- Follow the 4 steps to support someone suffering domestic violence after a disaster.
- Undertake training in identifying domestic violence after disaster, e.g. (provide link to our training on this site).

Individual/Community Member Specific Actions

Before Disaster

Actions for Gender equity

- Run a community group on gender stereotypes, ideally tailored for disaster contexts, e.g. Gender equity training offered by Women's Health Services, e.g. <http://whe.org.au/what-we-do/gender-equity-for-health-outcomes/> (<http://whe.org.au/what-we-do/gender-equity-for-health-outcomes/>) (Gender equity in Disaster training available 2016)
- Remember, if you are fit and strong, you can apply for a physically demanding job, whether male or female.
- Celebrate the achievements of men and women in non-traditional roles, e.g. through media articles and community awards.

Surviving Disasters for Men and Women

- Run or attend (or lobby for) local classes for women in bushfires or floods, e.g. in S.A. http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_bushfire/cfs_community_events/firey_women.jsp (http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/site/prepare_for_bushfire/cfs_community_events/firey_women.jsp)
- Source information on the web for women in disaster, http://www.whealth.com.au/work_through_womens_eyes.html. (http://www.whealth.com.au/work_through_womens_eyes.html) <http://www.whealth.com.au/documents/work/its-up-to-you-for-72/WHGNE-72-Before-During-After%20Disaster-Checklist.pdf>, (<http://www.whealth.com.au/documents/work/its-up-to-you-for-72/WHGNE-72-Before-During-After%20Disaster-Checklist.pdf>) <http://www.security4women.org.au/today-womens-voices-from-the-floodplains-will-be-heard> (<http://www.security4women.org.au/today-womens-voices-from-the-floodplains-will-be-heard>)
- Join community emergency planning meetings and ensure they are inclusive to all groups, by, for example, attending to childcare, transport, timing and access issues.

During Disaster

- Enact disaster survival plans which have been developed collaboratively with relevant

After Disaster

Actions for Gender Equity

- Resist stereotypes – men can be involved in caring responsibilities and women can do more than make sandwiches!

Surviving Disaster for Men and Women

- Host an alcohol-free street or community event to reconnect networks.

Domestic Violence

- Ask! Follow the 4-steps. (<http://www.genderanddisaster.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Doc-021-Disaster-is-no-excuse-for-family-violence.pdf>)
- Use or tell others about male help-lines. (<http://www.genderanddisaster.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Doc-018-Postcard-Men-on-Black-Saturday.pdf>)
- Set up or join a male support group.

Resources

WATCH: [Actions and Support video \(http://youtu.be/DYUVFGTOHhw\)](http://youtu.be/DYUVFGTOHhw) (1:45)

WATCH: [Turning Negatives into Successes \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBN1bBtS2W8\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uBN1bBtS2W8) (2:19)

WATCH: [Actions for Gender Equity in the Emergency Services \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-JpfvRJxEw\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-JpfvRJxEw) (10:29)

WATCH: [What actions can we take to help men and women survive disaster in a more effect way? \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmiCJTdpw8\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PmiCJTdpw8) (5:52)