



Handout 2.2—Possible Hazards

Use the following list of possible hazards as a tool to start identifying the risks to your essential records. Of course, when identifying risks, it's important to be realistic and focus on those risks that are likely to happen in your state or locality and or circumstances. In other words, don't be concerned about a tsunami if you live in Iowa.

For more information on the hazards relevant to your state or locality, visit the Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records (IPER) Resource Center.

Table 1: List of Possible Hazards by Type

TYPE	HAZARDS
Natural Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hurricane Tornado Severe storm Winter storm Flooding Fire, wild Lightning damage Water damage Disease Earthquake, other seismic event Volcanic eruption Tsunami
Human-Caused Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire, structure/arson Plumbing failure Structural failure Power failure Telecommunications failure Computer network failure Building access/closing Transportation disruption Medical emergency Hazardous materials incident Disgruntled employee/sabotage Bomb or bomb threats Airplane crash Nuclear plant meltdown Terrorism Civil unrest

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