**Winter storms**

This exercise has been designed to encourage people to think about who within their community might need interim help when the emergency services are in high demand and need to prioritise those at greatest risk. Also what resources are available locally that could be used to help and who might organise a community response team. The format lends itself to discussion in three separate groups followed by feedback and general discussion.

Supporting documents:

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| * Scenario poster | * Who needs help list | * Resources list |
| * Who can help list | * Community Response Plans |  |

Suggested format:

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| Preparation | Arrange to split into three similar sized groups. |
| Part 1 | Review the scenario and ask each group to concentrate on one of the following, completing the associated list:   * Who might need assistance in these circumstances (Who needs help list) * What resources exist - municipal or privately owned - which could be useful (Resources list) * Which local individuals and groups could lead and participate in taking action to assist those needing help (Who can help list)   Move back into the larger group to review the lists. |
| Part 2 | Discuss how the 10 steps in putting together a Community Response Plan could be achieved in your community. |
| Part 3 | Topics for general discussion:   * What does the phrase “Community Resilience” mean to the members of the group? * What actions can residents take to ensure they are prepared for emergencies within their own households? * Is there any overlap between community response planning and other initiatives going on in the community? |



**The big chill**

**Exercise outline**

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