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Towards a safer and resilient Nagaland



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FOREWORD

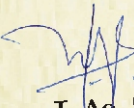
The Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and National Disaster Response Force (1st Bn. NDRF) and HG&CD have been conducting mock drills on earthquake and other possible emergencies in various colonies of Kohima, Peren and Dimapur. These simulated drills are imperative because the local community has to be well prepared for any kind of disaster. Realising that self-help is the best resort during the initial but crucial period before outside help arrives, it is practical that every individual needs to be aware of the basic measures which should be adopted to prevent and also reduce the impact of any disaster/accident.

Last year's Tsunami that struck Japan has served as an eye opener for authorities worldwide. Despite such huge scale destruction to property and loss of human lives, one distinguishing feature clearly evident, post-disaster, was the calm and systematic approach to relief and rescue operations. Highly commendable and worth emulating was the discipline shown by the local communities that enabled the authorities and relief agencies to administer help in an efficient and organised manner.

Such rare exhibit of composure amidst tragedy of such a huge scale could be attributed largely to the systems already put in place in Japan. A major thrust in countries like Japan, South Korea and, in recent times, Thailand has been on community awareness in disaster management, which is invigorated by regular mock drills.

The NSDMA intends to ground a systematic community-government partnership in addressing issues pertaining to disaster and accidents. Awareness as such can only come about through regular interactions at the community level and this can be facilitated by such mock exercises and effective IEC campaign. The NSDMA plans to conduct such hands-on exercises on a regular basis in 2012.

We look forward to active participation from all the government departments, local bodies and, most importantly, the people of Nagaland.


T. Ao. IAS
Secretary, NSDMA

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JULY

SCHOOL AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

As part of its IEC activities, the NSDMA organised a programme on 'Disaster Management Awareness' which was conducted at Little Flower School, Kohima on the 26th of July, Christ King Hr. Sec. Kohima on July 25th and St. Joseph's College Jakhama on the 28th July. These awareness programmes were conducted in collaboration with the NDRF from Guwahati and the Home Guards and Civil Defense.



Students of Little Flower Hr. Secondary School, Kohima [Above] and Christ King Hr. Secondary School, Kohima [Below] attending the school awareness program organised by the NSDMA in co-ordination with the NDRF, Guwahati.



AUGUST

In pursuance of letter NO.11-12/2011 received from NDMA, the NSDMA conducted interviews with the following departments in order to spread awareness on Disaster Management. The interviews were aired on All India Radio from the 5th August to the 9th August 2011.

Day 1: Interview with Dr. Hovithal, State Co-ordinator, ATI on the topic 'General Disaster Management'

Day 2: Interview with Dr. Imo Temsu from NHAK on the topic 'Health Aspects During Monsoon'

Day 3: Interview with Er. Fineson Pojar, E.E, PWD(NH) on the topic 'Landslide Mitigation'

Day 4: Interview with Mr. Singsit, Special Secretary & IG F&ES on the topic of 'Fire Mitigation'

Further awareness programmes were conducted in Model Christian College and G.Rio School Kohima respectively. These programmes were held in collaboration with the Home Guards and Civil Defense.

SHRI. T. AO. IAS JOINS NSDMA

The Government of Nagaland has shown interest in Disaster Management at the State level by posting one full time Secretary at NSDMA. Shri T. Ao. IAS, joined NSDMA as Secretary in the month of August 2011.

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SEPTEMBER

In continuation with its IEC activities, the NSDMA conducted an awareness programme on All India Radio beginning from 12th to 15th September 2011. The following interviews were aired:

Day 1: Interview with Mr. Melite Kapfo, DySP (Traffic) on the topic 'Disaster Management in Road Accidents'.

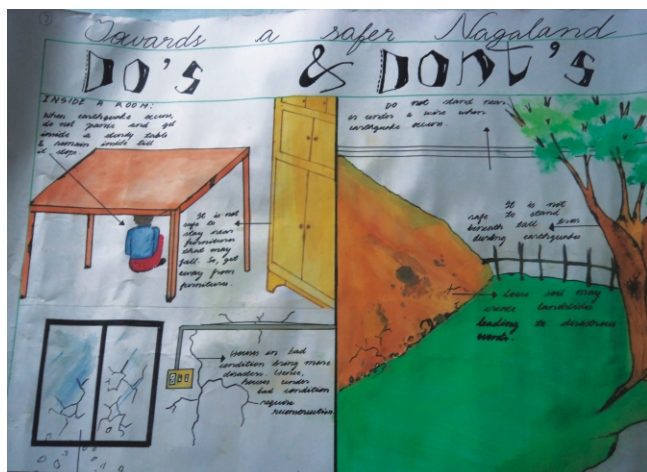
Day 2: Interview with Mr. Johnny Ruangmei on the topic 'Gender Issues in Disaster Management'.

Day 3: Script reading on 'School Safety in Disaster Management'.

Day 4: Interview with Dr. Hovithal Sothu, State Co-ordinator, ATI on the topic 'Landslide Risk and Mitigation'.

OBSERVANCE OF NDMA DAY

As per the letter received from NDMA, the NSDMA also joined the rest of the country in celebrating the NDMA day on the 28th Sept 2011. In this regard a painting competition was organized under the theme 'Towards a Safer Nagaland'. Altogether, a total of 25 paintings/sketches were submitted by 7 districts. Velulu Khesoh of Royal Foundation School (Phek district) was declared the winner of the competition, while R.Ato from Saramati View Modern School (Peren district) won



The painting which won the first prize

the second prize. The third prize was shared between Abeni Lotha (Little Star Hr.Sec, Dimapur district) and Mhashe Hoshi (Bishop Abraham Memorial School, Phek district). A panel discussion under the same theme was also organized in which three people namely the State Project Officer, the SDO Civil (Sadar) and the State Media Officer participated. This discussion was aired on All India Radio at 7:30 pm the same day.

OCTOBER

LAUNCHING OF THE STATE DISASTER RESPONSE FORCE (SDRF)

The first batch of the SDRF was launched on the 10th of October 2011 at CTI, Toluvi, Dimapur. The occasion was graced by the Chief Secretary Lalthara, IAS, as the Chief Guest while the DGP K. Kire. IPS, and DG Prisons, HG&CD, O. Alem. IPS, were the Guests of Honor. The first batch of the SDRF has been drawn from the 9th IRB Alpha Coy, a total of 105 trainees will undergo training. The SDRF is to be drawn from the five IRs namely the 9th, 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th IRB. The occasion was marked by demonstrations on first aid and search & rescue techniques by the Home Guards and Civil Defense. The DG Prisons, HG&CD, also released a book on Home Guard Training Manual, while the Chief Secretary launched the NSDMA logo.



The Chief Secretary, Nagaland, Shri. Lalthara IAS launching the NSDMA logo



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NOVEMBER

PASSING OUT CEREMONY OF THE SDRF

The first batch of the SDRF completed training on the 8th November 2011. The Ceremony was graced by the Home Minister Imkong L. Imchen as the Chief Guest while Er. W. Kithan, Parliamentary Secretary for Prisons, HG&CD, F&ES, was the Guest of Honor. A training Report was presented by Commandant CTI, N. Itoshe Kibami wherein he mentioned that out of 105 trainees, 101 had successfully completed the training.



The first batch of the SDRF attending the passing out ceremony



The first batch of the SDRF demonstrating first aid and search & rescue methods during the passing out ceremony

DECEMBER

VISIT OF SHRI. R.K. SINGH, DIRECTOR PLANS AND POLICY (NDMA), TO THE STATE

The Director of Plans and Policy, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), Shri. R.K. Singh accompanied by Officials of the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA) paid a visit to Mokokchung on the 6th December with regard to the 'National School Safety Project' (NSSP) which is to be implemented by the NDMA in the two districts of Mokokchung and Kohima. The Director visited Mayangnokcha Higher Secondary, which is one of the schools identified for the implementation of the project.



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Shri. R.K. Singh with ADC Mokochung during the meeting

The Director also had a meeting with the NSDMA at the Home Commissioner's Conference Hall on the 7th Dec 2011. The meeting was attended by the Home Commissioner, Secretary RR&DM, Deputy Secretary Home, State Project Officer and staff of the NSDMA. The meeting discussed issues relating to the SDMP, NSSP, DDMP etc

Further the Director had a meeting with the Kohima District Administration which was presided over by the DC, the meeting was attended by the SDO (Civil), SP, CEO KMC, DBs etc. This meeting was conducted to bring better co-ordination between the NSDMA and the District Administration.

PASSING OUT OF 2ND BATCH SDRF



The second batch of the SDRF pose for the lens during the passing out ceremony



An SDRF class in progress

CO-ORDINATION MEETING HELD

The NSDMA held a Co-ordination meeting with the DCs of all the districts in Nagaland on the 20th December 2011. The meeting discussed issues regarding setting up of DEOCs, DDMP status of various districts etc. The meeting proved fruitful as various other agendas pertaining to disaster management in the districts was also discussed.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

The NDRF in collaboration with the NSDMA carried out 'Community Awareness Programmes' at Chephobozou on the 17th December, Sechu



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The NDRF personnel in Kohima

Zubza on the 28th December and in Kohima on the 29th December 2011. The awareness programmes were all attended by representatives from the district administration, GBs, DBs, Town Councils, Village Chairmen and the public.

JANUARY

TABLE TOP CONFERENCE & MOCK EXERCISE

A 'Table Top conference & Mock Exercise on Earthquake' was conducted on 17th & 18th January, 2012, at ATI Kohima, where Brig. B.K. Khanna, Senior Specialist, NDMA was the main resource person. All key departments from Kohima and Dimapur attended the programme.



The Table Top conference & Mock Exercise

FEBRUARY

2ND SDMA MEETING

The second SDMA meeting was held on the 17th Feb 2012 at the CM conference hall. The meeting was chaired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Nagaland.



Hon'ble Chief Minister is seen with other officials during the SDMA meeting

AWARENESS MEETING

The NSDMA organised a community awareness programme in Peren block on the 21st Feb and also another programme for the DEF Peren on the 22nd Feb. A similar programme was organised in Jalukie on the 25th Feb. A similar community awareness programme was also organised at Thaheku village, Dimapur on the 28th Feb. These

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programmes were all attended by the Village Councils, VDBs, Women and Youth organizations

etc. Further, a school awareness programme was held at Pilgrim School, Dimapur, on the 29th Feb.



Awareness programme at Peren block



Awareness programmes at Jalukie



Awareness programme at Thaheku village



School awareness programmes at Pilgrim School, Dimapur





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MEETING HELD ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

A co-ordination meeting on Fire Accident Preparedness for Kohima and Dimapur districts was held on the 2nd February with all line departments. The meeting was chaired by the Home Commissioner. During the meeting various issues relating to the fire preparedness status of the two districts were discussed in detail. Some decisions taken during the meeting include stationing of a fire tender in the northern part of Kohima for the duration of the dry season, drills to be conducted to sensitize district administration, line departments and Municipal Council members. District administration and F&ES department to ensure full alertness and preparedness of all concerned agencies to respond to any fire emergencies and to conduct awareness campaigns through the media on fire safety.

MARCH

DISTRICT LEVEL MOCK DRILL EXERCISE

The NSDMA in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), District administration of Kohima & Dimapur, and

NDRF 1st Bn organised a district level mock drill. The first mock drill was conducted in Kohima on the 6th March 2012. This programme also had the distinction of being the first ever mock drill to be conducted after dark. In total about 21 departments participated. The exercise was carried out at Mission Compound area where the Kohima Village Youth Organisation (KVYO) and the Red Cross also volunteered and made the programme a great success. The Mock drill in Dimapur was conducted on the 7th March 2012 at Super Market area. All key departments took part in this exercise.



the NDRF does a mock search & rescue for collapsed structures at the Kohima Mock drill



The KVYO volunteers helping out during the Kohima mock drill



The Bharat Scouts & Guides assist a victim during the Dimapur mock drill

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The HG&CD rescuing a victim at Dimapur district mock drill



The NDRF performs a high rise rescue drill

National School Safety Programme (NSSP) to be implemented in Nagaland.

The Government of India has approved a National School Safety Programme (NSSP) - A demonstration project to be implemented by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in partnership with Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), State/UT Governments, National and International Agencies in 43 districts of 22 States/UTs in the country falling under seismic zone IV & V.

The NSSP aims at promoting a culture of disaster preparedness in schools. The main features of this pilot project include sensitization of children and the school community on disaster preparedness while also motivating direct participation of key stakeholders in activities that would help in building a disaster-resilient community. At the state level, mock drills and awareness programmes will be conducted in 200 identified schools of each district.

In this regard, the NSDMA in collaboration with the School Education Department will be implementing the NSSP in two pilot districts- Kohima and Mokokchung for 2011-2012/13. 400 schools have been identified for NSSP in Nagaland. One school in the state will be retrofitted, and this would serve as a model for other schools in construction of safe and disaster-resistant buildings in the future.



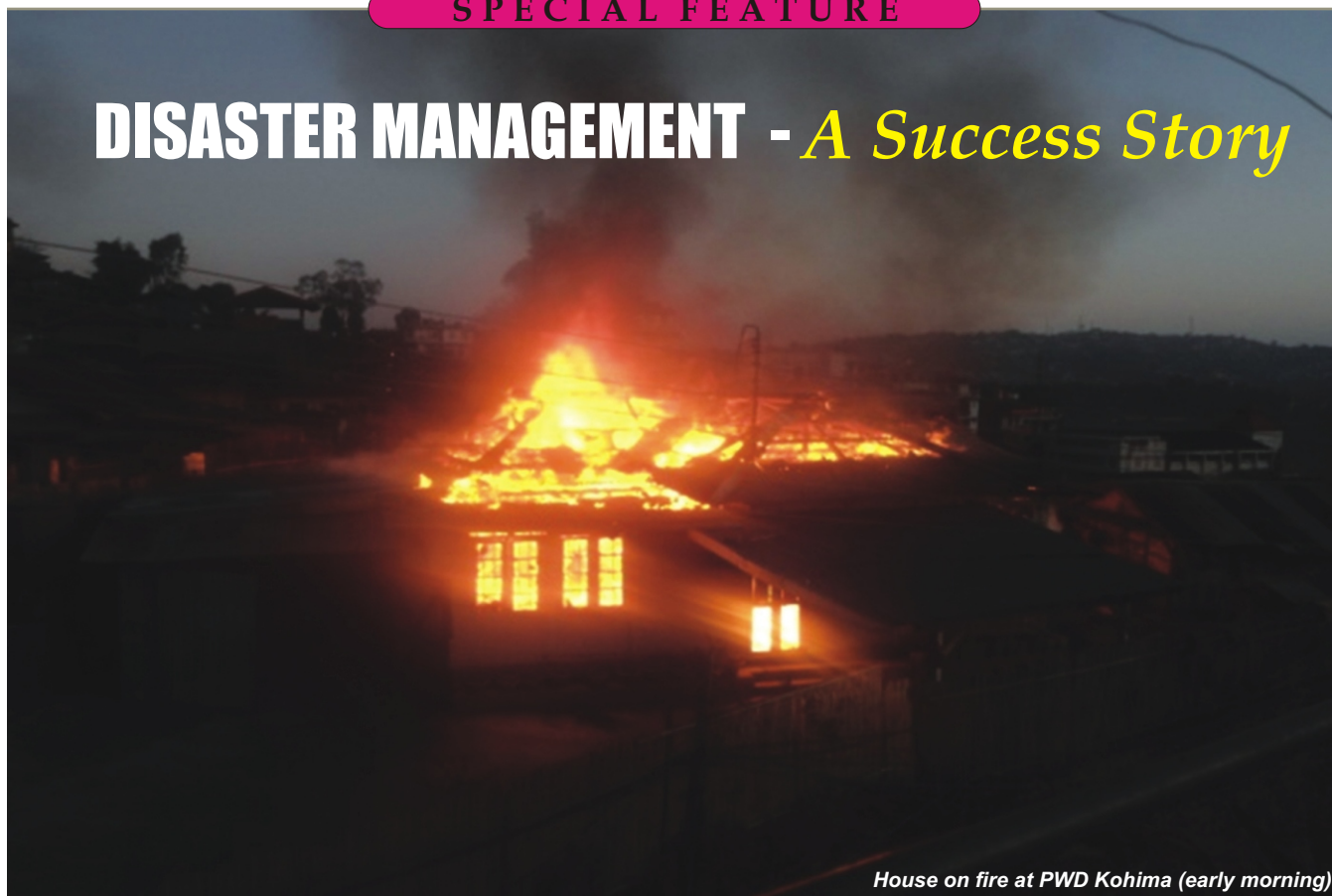
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TRAINING REPORTS

SL. NO	NAME	DESIGNATION	TRAINING PROFILE
1.	Shri. Razukhru D. Vasa	RDO, Directorate of Rural Development Blocks	"Climate Change & Disaster Management" at NIDM 8th to 12th Aug, 2011.
2.	Shri. Mhiesihulie Bizo	Deputy Project Officer Directorate of Rural Development, Nagaland, Kohima.	
3.	Shri. Dally Jamir	District Commandant, Home Guards & Civil Defense, Nagaland, Kohima.	"ToTs for State Disaster Response Force (SDRF)" at Coimbatore, (Tamil Nadu) 8 th Aug to 20 th Sept, 2011.
4.	Shri. Imtitoshi	Deputy Commandant, 12 th NAP (IR)	
5.	Shri. Vikluto John	Deputy Commandant, 11 th NAP (IR)	
6.	Shri. Sevi Kera	ASI, Fire & Emergency	
7.	Dr. Chibenthung	MO, Yimpang, PHC.	
8.	Shri. Inaka Sema	Coordinator Response	'Disaster Management Preparedness' at Indian Institute of Health Research (IIHR), Jaipur 17th- 23rd Dec. 2011
9.	Ms. Khrolou Koza	TCBO	
10.	Smti. Keren Rose Ovung	SMO	
11.	Smti. Dzuvinuo Thenuo	Dy. Director, DIPR	'Role of Media in Disaster Management' NIDM, Delhi 27th - 1st March, 2012
12.	Smti. Keren Rose Ovung	SMO	

SPECIAL FEATURE

DISASTER MANAGEMENT - *A Success Story*



House on fire at PWD Kohima (early morning)

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As everyone is aware, Kohima Town is densely populated and many houses are constructed just a few feet away from each other. PWD Colony, Kohima is no better and is even worse in most of the areas. This gives rise to a high risk of Fire Disasters.

On the early morning of 6th January 2012 at 5:44 am, a huge column of smoke was detected from a Type V quarter PWD Hill 357 (Colony House No. PWD- U-168). The occupants had gone away for Christmas/New Year break and were yet to return.

Seeing the smoke, the State Coordinator,

Disaster Management Cell, Administrative Training Institute alerted Shri Neilasa Sopfü, Superintendent of Police (Fire and Emergency Services), at 5:46 am. The SP immediately asked for the exact location of the fire, after which he send Fire Tenders. Next, all the vehicles parked on both sides of the road totalling 12 in number which could come in the way of Fire Tenders were removed except for one which the neighbours succeeded in pulling and pushing it out of the way.

Alert neighbours tried their part by shouting and trying to control the inferno with the little water they had, as would be anyone's guess the



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Confused mob

amount of water each household will have during the dry season, but to no avail. Since other old Government Quarters and houses were only a few feet away from the inferno, neighbours could be seen running helter-skelter trying to save as much as possible, shifting their belongings to their

neighbours housed. However the greater part of the people was seen standing there shocked, not knowing what to do and what not to do.

In the mean time, the flames rose higher and we could see the roof melting away in the fire as if adding fuel to the fire. Many were heard shouting and running around saying; *Fire brigade matibina! Fire Brigade matibina!* And many could be heard saying *Fire Brigade number Kiman ase! Fire Brigade number Najane! Bisarribina!* Etc etc.

Within 17 minutes i.e at 6:03 am, the first two Fire tenders arrived with sufficient men and water, and they started putting their theoretical knowledge into full exercise.



Firemen in action



SPECIAL FEATURE*Firemen in action*

I was really impressed at the way the fire personnel handled the machine, the pipes, the nozzles etc.etc. At one point of time I saw a pipe lying a little inside the road which I thought, could come in the way of the other Fire Tender coming in, and thus pulled the pipe to one side. On seeing my

action, one of the personnel immediately pulled it back to where it was. This I learnt was for smooth flow of water. (Learning from experience- they know their work best- we should not try to interfere)

While some of them were fitting and targeting the water to the flames, some of them started to break all the barriers that may come in the way of the water like window glasses and frames.

The daring fire-fighters targeted their water to the strategic areas and even went inside the burning house to get the water into the right places in order to douse the fire.

Within a span of 1 hour 25 minutes the whole

*The brave men who completed their job well*



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All that remains of a Type-V house

fire was brought under control. The garage which is attached to the house was not affected, and the kitchen which had two LPG cylinders was not gutted fully. It was prevented right on time by the efficient Firemen.

The neighbours were very happy and of course very relieved as their houses which were only a few feet away were not affected by the fire. It is KUDOS to the Fire and Emergency Services Department and not forgetting the State Disaster Management Authority too. They have done their job very well. They have done what they are trained for and what they are here for with expertise. I gave them a big congratulation and took a photo of the daring FIRE MEN of Kohima,

who answered to the call of duty even on the very early, biting cold, winter morning of January.

Most of the firemen were completely drenched, but they obediently fell back into line, to report to their superior about the job done and also about the materials brought in for action and gathered back.

What a disciplined course of demobilisation. It was a job well done!

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THIS INCIDENT:

- 1 Every household should keep Emergency phone numbers like- Police, Power, Fire, etc.
- 2 Vehicles should be properly parked to avoid unnecessary blockade of the road
- 3 One should not interfere in the way of Fireman at work or any Response Operation in progress
- 4 Disaster Management is not a one man show or a single Department's show. It is a team effort.
- 5 Knowledge of Basic Disaster Management and Safety is a must for all.
- 6 It will be good to have Fire extinguishers even in private homes.

“Let us all together work towards a disaster free Nagaland.”





Fire Safety

Do's and Don'ts

Fires don't just happen. There are a lot of measures you can take to ensure that a fire doesn't start. Here are a few important things you can do:

- Have an electrician look at the wiring in your house. Make sure circuits are not overloaded.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach and away from children.
- Determine at least two ways to escape from every room in your home.
- DON'T overload electrical outlets.

Electrical Wiring

- replaced if frayed or cracked
- not under rugs, over nail or in high traffic areas
- outlets not overloaded
- outlets cool to the touch, not hot

When a fire strikes:

- Crawl low under the smoke to escape. This should be practiced beforehand to prepare you for an actual fire.
- Close the door when you exit a room, and feel closed doors before you enter a room. A hot door or doorknob usually means the room is on fire.
- If your clothes are on fire, drop to the floor and roll to smother and put out the flames.
- Get everyone out quickly, and then call for emergency assistance.
- Know how to give accurate directions to your house when you call for assistance.

***In the event of a fire, be vigilant and act quickly.
Never think 'someone else will deal with it' - lives could be at risk.***

