

Civil Protection Act

- Government Bill 2002/03:119
- Reformed rescue services legislation

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Ch. 1 Introductory provisions

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Ch. 1 Introductory provisions

National objectives

- Life, health, property and the environment – with consideration given to local conditions – the provision of equivalent, satisfactory and comprehensive civil protection
- Rescue services – within an acceptable time, and using effective methods

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Ch. 1 Introductory provisions

Definitions

Rescue services = national or municipal

- Emergencies or imminent danger of emergencies
- Prevent and limit injury to individuals, and damage to property and the environment
- Need for a rapid response
- The importance of that which is threatened
- The cost of the operation
- Other circumstances

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Ch. 2 The obligations of the individual

- Obligation to raise the alarm and to summon assistance
- Obligations for owners or beneficiaries
- Obligations for dangerous activities

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Obligations for owners or beneficiaries

- Fire prevention measures
- Life-saving equipment
- Fire prevention documentation (owner)

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Obligations for dangerous activities

- Preparedness & equipment
(owner or person carrying on activities)
- Risk analysis
(person carrying on activities)
- Notification obligation
(person carrying on activities)

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Ch. 3 The obligations of the municipality

- Preventive measures
- Rescue services
- Subsequent measures
- Organisation
- Command

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Ch. 3 The obligations of the municipality

Preventive measures

- Ensure that measures are taken to prevent fires, and the injuries and damage that they cause
- Work towards attaining protection against other emergencies (without restricting the responsibility of others)
- Cooperation
- Expert advice and information to the individual
- Plan of action
- Chimney sweeping and fire prevention inspections

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Rescue services

- Responsibility
- Cooperation
- Plan of action

Subsequent measures

- Written record of the decision to "end an operation"
- Information about guarding etc.
- Investigation

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Ch. 3 The obligations of the municipality

Organisation

- One or more committees
- Organisation for several municipalities
- Qualifications of personnel
- Conditions of employment

Command

- Chief Fire Officer
- Incident Commander

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Ch. 4 The obligations of the state

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Ch. 4 The obligations of the state

Rescue services

- Mountain rescue
- Air search & rescue (SAR)
- Maritime SAR
- Searching for missing persons
- Maritime environmental protection
- Emergency service for dealing with emissions of radioactive substances from nuclear energy establishments

Command

- Incident Commanders appointed by the relevant authority
- The relevant county administrative board may assume responsibility

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Ch. 5 Supervision

- Municipality
- County administrative board
- Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency or other competent authority appointed by the government
- A fee for certain supervisory visits

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Ch. 6 Special obligations for individuals, municipalities, and government authorities

- Duty to serve if called upon
- Encroachment of others' rights
- Documentation of decisions
- Obligation to assist the rescue services and/or with decontamination after an emission of radioactive substances
- Duty to report - submit particulars
- Alerting

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Ch. 7 Provisions for compensation

- Compensation for municipalities
- Compensation for individuals

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Ch. 10 Authorisation, responsibility and appeals

- Authorisation
- Responsibility
- Appeals

The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency may appeal against the judgement of the county administrative court regarding compensation to a municipality.