

Response

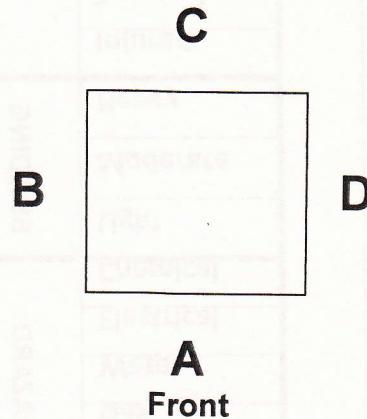
- When a disaster or major emergency occurs or upon telephone or radio alert:
- Care for self and family first
- Report to your staging area
- While enroute to staging area, assist neighbors and make damage assessments
- ERN operators should report their status to Team Leaders. Team Leaders pass this information on to the Command Post

Communicate Damage

- You must communicate your findings to Team Leader who transmits this information to the Command Post
- This information can be transmitted via ERN radio or in writing. In either case, OHCC Damage Assessment Forms shall be used for documentation.
- Locations around buildings shall be described using the ABCD standard, with A side corresponding to the front of the structure and B, C, and D representing the sides of the building moving clockwise from A

ASSESSING DAMAGE

- Assess building from all sides
- Determine level of damage according to following chart
- If building is creaking or “groaning”, do not enter
- Listen and smell for gas leaks



Type of Damage	Characteristics
Light	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superficial damage • Broken windows • Fallen or cracked plaster • Minor damage to interior contents
Moderate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible signs of damage • Decorative work that is damaged or has fallen • Visible cracks in plaster • Major damage to interior contents
Heavy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial or total collapse or tilting • Obvious structural instability • Heavy smoke or fire, known hazards materials (e.g., gas leaks), or rising or moving water

The nine steps involved in sizeup are:

1. Gather facts
2. Assess and communicate the damage
3. Consider probabilities
4. Assess your own situation
5. Establish priorities
6. Make decisions
7. Develop plans of action
8. Take action
9. Evaluate progress