



Media release

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Forum's Newsletter Prepares Residents for Emergencies

A local government emergency resilience forum has issued an e-newsletter to help residents prepare for emergencies, such as fires and flooding.

The Bedfordshire and Luton Local Resilience Forum consists of all the organisations and agencies that assist with emergencies in the local community.

The newsletter is packed with tips, advice and step-by-step guides to help residents keep their families and communities safe. It is available to download on <http://www.whatwouldyoudoif.co.uk/>. Residents can also subscribe to the newsletter.

Chairman of BLLRF, Assistant Chief Constable Katherine Govier from Bedfordshire Police, said: "No one likes to think about emergencies and things going wrong but it only takes a few minutes to prepare.

"Reading our newsletter is a great place to start as the articles help you think about emergency planning in your homes and communities. It is an ideal read for those who are short of time but are keen to protect their families."

For more information and advice about visit <http://www.whatwouldyoudoif.co.uk/> or go to http://twitter.com/#!/what_would You can also view share emergency planning advice on <http://www.facebook.com/whatwouldyoudoif>

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1. BLLRF was formed in 2004, bringing together the key agencies required to respond to emergencies.

Comprising local agencies including the emergency services, local authorities, National Health Service (NHS) and the voluntary and community sector, the forum was created to ensure the best possible plans are in place should a major emergency occur.

BLLRF's vision is to make Bedfordshire and Luton the best-prepared place for any emergency. Through the '*What would you do if...?*' campaign, the forum aims to promote the importance of being prepared and ensure people living and working within the county feel safe. For more information visit www.whatwouldyoudoif.co.uk

2. Bedfordshire residents are most at risk of the following emergencies:

- [Flu pandemic](#)
- [Major river flooding](#)
- Low temperatures or heavy snow
- [Transport accident involving fuel or explosives](#)
- [Fuel supply disruption](#)

3. Sign up as an emergency volunteer by joining the Bedfordshire and Luton Emergency Volunteers Executive Committee (BLEVEC). This is a local partnership of charities, community groups and volunteers who work together as part of BLLRF to prepare for, and respond to emergencies. For more information please email volunteering@bllrf.org.uk or call us on 0300 300 4145.