

1.0A SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION OVERVIEW

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION COVER SLIDE



Welcome to **SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION** for Disaster Responders.

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION for Disaster Responders is the nation's first course that provides a framework for achieving and maintaining a high-level of **DISASTER HEALTH**.

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION is designed for the entire spectrum of professionals and volunteers who respond during disasters.

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION integrates public health, medical preparedness, and disaster behavioral health within one unified framework.

DISASTER HEALTH: DEFINITION



DISASTER HEALTH

Maximal **SAFETY**,
optimal **FUNCTION**,
and effective **ACTION**
in response to emergencies,
disasters, and extreme events.

The "**Three Keys to Disaster Health**" are **SAFETY**, **FUNCTION**, and **ACTION**.

The goal of **SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION** is to "achieve and maintain a high level of disaster health and well-being."

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION: THREE KEYS AND SIX STRATEGIES

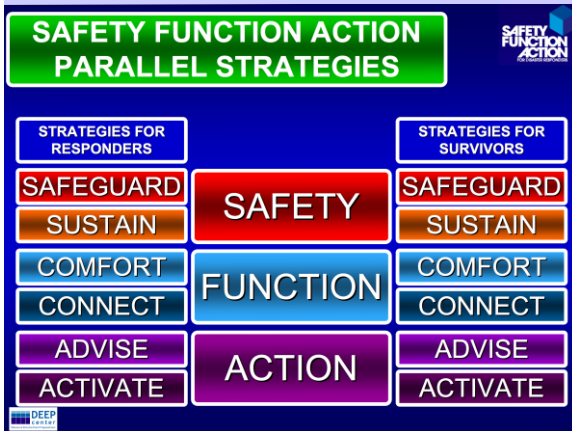


The "**Three Keys to Disaster Health**" are: maximal **SAFETY**, optimal **FUNCTION**, and effective **ACTION**. Two strategies are defined to achieve each of the "**Three Keys**:"

- To achieve maximal **SAFETY**, the strategies are: **SAFEGUARD** and **SUSTAIN**.
- To achieve optimal **FUNCTION**, the strategies are: **COMFORT** and **CONNECT**.
- To achieve effective **ACTION**, the strategies are: **ADVISE** and **ACTIVATE**.

1.0A SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION OVERVIEW

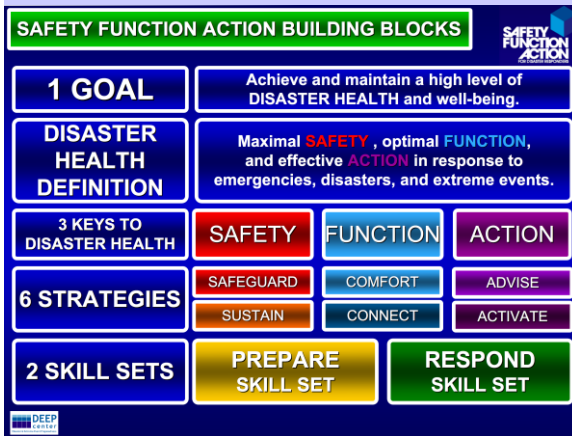
SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION PARALLEL STRATEGIES



SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION uses the same six strategies for disaster responders and for disaster survivors: **SAFEGUARD, SUSTAIN, COMFORT, CONNECT, ADVISE, and ACTIVATE.**

This streamlined structure has two advantages. First, learning is simplified by using the same six, single-word strategies. Second, regular practice with these strategies, used by responders in daily practice, facilitates the application of these same strategies to support survivors during emergencies and disasters.

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION BUILDING BLOCKS

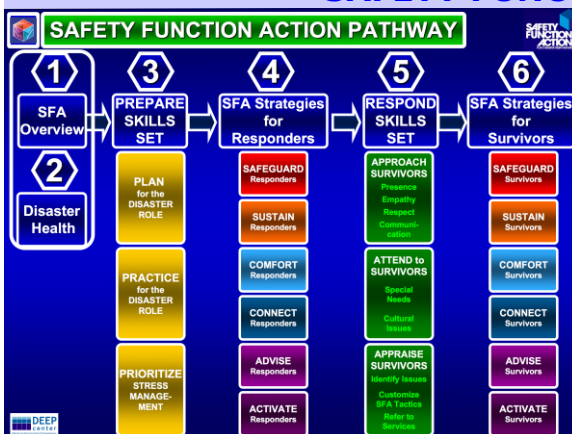


SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION is composed of building blocks. The GOAL, “Achieve and maintain a high level of disaster health and well-being,” ties to the definition of disaster health: “maximal **SAFETY**, optimal **FUNCTION**, and effective **ACTION** in response to emergencies, disasters, and extreme events.” The **Three Keys to Disaster Health** are **SAFETY, FUNCTION, and ACTION**. **SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION** uses six strategies for both responders and survivors:

- **SAFETY: SAFEGUARD and SUSTAIN**
- **FUNCTION: COMFORT and CONNECT**
- **ACTION: ADVISE and ACTIVATE**

The **PREPARE SKILLS SET** helps responders plan, practice, and prioritize stress management. The **RESPOND SKILLS SET** guides responders to approach and appraise survivors, giving attention to cultural issues and special population needs.

SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION PATHWAY



One of the major innovations of **SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION** is the sequencing of the building blocks into a series of training components, described as the **SAFETY FUNCTION ACTION PATHWAY**. The pathway has been developed for ease of disaster response professionals who take this program back to their workgroups and impart the skills to their colleagues and teammates as they navigate through this flexible set of course components.