



GEORGIA



Emergency Situations and Civil Safety Service

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1. Legislation :

The Constitution of Georgia was adopted in 1995. The legislative body, the parliament, comprises several committees. The parliamentary Defense and Security Committee deal with Civil Defense and other related issues. All emergency issues are subject to discussion by the National Security Council. Each activity is based on international law and Georgian legislation.

In Georgia, a presidential decree of 1996 created the Department of Emergency Situations and Civil Defense. By the Governmental reforms in Georgia on December 30 of 2004 with order of Minister of Internal Affairs № 684 was updated Emergency Situations and Civil Defense Department MIA of Georgia and was created Emergency Situations and Civil Safety Service. This Service also handles planning in the Civil Emergency area and rescue activities.

There are co-operation agreement for emergency management with Armenia, the Azerbaijan Republic, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

2. Mission:

The primary task of Georgian Civil Emergency Planning is to establish and implement state policy in the CEP area, in order to eliminate the results of disasters, and to avoid disasters in the Civil Defense area.

An additional task is to carry out operational activities according to a set plan, handled by special divisions of Georgian National Staff (HQ). The aims are to create Crisis Management Centers that are on stand-by at all times during disaster and to facilitate communication.

There are several other tasks related to medical services and such as forming emergency medical rescue teams, training them, and organizing their activities in different disaster areas. A final task is to construct and maintain the civil protection system.

3. Regulation and procedure:

In 1996, a decree of the Georgian president created a special permanent Inter-institutional Commission on Civil Defense and Emergency Situations in the event of natural and technological disasters: The Service of Emergency Situations and Civil Safety within the Georgian Ministry of the Internal Affairs. The Commission is chaired by the Minister of Internal Affairs. Georgia aims, within a short period of time, to create rescue groups that can co-operate with international rapid response forces, under the auspices of the UN or NATO within the PfP framework, to protect and rescue people in emergencies.

The Service is subordinate to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and its activities are supervised by a deputy Minister. It is also a part of the Council of National Security, which is chaired by the President. The Service has a scientific expert council made up of different academics and scientists, and aims to co-ordinate the actions of different services during crisis management.

Function	Responsibility
Civil Defense Management	Emergency Situations and Civil Safety Service
Public Order and Security	Ministry of Internal Affairs
Reserve Services, Communications and Transport, Engineering Services	Ministry of Economical Development
Medical Services	Ministry of Health
Food Supplies	Ministry of Agriculture
Defense	Ministry of Defense
Fuel and Energy	Ministry of Energy

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