



# What are programs and policies for the Safety Element?

The County is in the process of updating the Housing and Safety Elements of the Countywide Plan (the County's General Plan). The Countywide Plan serves as the guiding vision for the future of unincorporated Marin. The Safety Element addresses public safety in the face of environmental hazards, especially those from climate change. It incorporates climate change adaptation measures and safety measures for other hazards using a structure of goals, programs and policies that establish an action plan for public safety.

## Goal



Statement that describes a **desired future condition** or “end” state. Goals are meant to be aspirational and are change and outcome oriented, based on a combination of needs and constraints.

### → Examples from previous Marin County Safety Element:

- Hazard Awareness
- Disaster Preparedness and Evacuation
- Safety from Geologic and Seismic Hazards
- Safety from Flooding and Inundation
- Safety from Fires

## Policy



Clear statement that guides a specific course of action for **decision makers to achieve a desired goal**. Policies may refer to existing programs or call for the establishment of new ones.

### → Examples from previous Marin County Safety Element:

- Improve Hazard Information Base
- Maintain Disaster Readiness
- Avoid Hazard Areas
- Retain Natural Streambed Conditions
- Remove Hazardous Vegetation

## Program



An implementation program is an action, procedure, program or technique that **carries out goals and policies**.

### → Examples from previous Marin County Safety Element:

- Create a Hazard Landing Page
- Establish Minimum Road Standards
- Map Geologic Hazard Areas
- Restrict Development in Flood Prone Areas
- Require Compliance with Fire District Conditions