

Standardized Evaluation Form for a Hospital Preparedness Plan

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A standardized evaluation form for use when the hospital preparedness plan has been activated will be presented. The evaluation form was prepared by The Medical Officers of Health Office in cooperation with the Prehospital Committee of The County of Westsealand.

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Accident Scenarios and Their Role in Risk Assessment

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Every accident scenario associated with that particular type of accident scenario, may influence our understanding of the particular risk. It is not possible to discuss risk issues or to calculate consequences of their actualization without taking a set of actual scenarios into account. The origins of such scenarios sometimes are clear, as in classical risk assessment reports in which they are derived from selected cases, from accident statistics, and from systematic risk identification schemes. In public discussions and in political decision processes, the set of accident scenarios may have a different composition, and the weights given to specific scenarios can vary considerably from those weights defined by the technical experts.

Actual risk management from the accident scenarios fed into the assessment process. This paper examines some observations made in real episodes and cases found in risk assessment reports. No calculations of risk can survive poor scenario specifications. Yet, actual accident scenarios cannot be controlled or bent to meet our specifications. Control must be exerted through our application of these scenarios in decision-making and planning.

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