



City of Los Angeles Incident Prioritization Matrix



INCIDENT SEVERITY

CRITICAL: Total Score 26 to 30 points
HIGH: Total Score 21 to 25
MODERATE: Total Score 16 to 20
LOW: Total score 15 or less

A. Life and Safety Threats:

A.1 Life Safety Threat	Rating
Loss of Life encountered or imminent ¹	5
High potential for loss of life within next 12 hours	4
High potential for loss of life 12 to 24 hours	3
High potential for loss of life greater than 24 hours	2
Low overall potential for loss of life	1
No potential for loss of life	0

A.2 Evacuations	Rating
Mandatory (Evac Order) evacuations in progress	5
Voluntary (Evac Warning) evacuations in progress	4
High potential for evacuations within 12 hours or less	3
High potential for evacuations greater than 12 hours	2
Low overall potential for evacuation greater than 12 hours	1
None in progress or projected at this time	0

B. Property Damage Threats:

B.1 Structure Damage Threat	Rating
Structures already destroyed/damaged or damage imminent	4
High potential ² for structure damage within next 12 hours	3
High potential for structure damage greater than 12 hours	2
Low overall potential ³ for structure damage	1
No potential or current threat to structures	0

¹ "Imminent" is an immediate or unavoidable threat/impact.

² "High Potential" is a potential greater than 50% probability of occurrence.

³ "Low Potential" is a potential with less than 50% probability of occurrence.

B.2 Utility⁴ and Communication⁵ Infrastructure Threat	Rating
Utility/Comm Infrastructure disrupted or disruption imminent	4
High potential for Utility/Comm Infrastructure disruption within next 12 hours	3
High potential for Utility/Comm Infrastructure disruption greater than 12 hours	2
Low overall potential for Utility/Comm Infrastructure disruption	1
No potential for Utility/Comm Infrastructure disruption	0

B.3 Road Closure	Rating
Major streets or freeways currently closed (in any direction)	4
Major streets or freeways impacted with lane reductions (in any direction)	3
High potential for major streets or freeways to be closed/lane reductions within next 12 hours	2
High potential for major streets or freeways to be closed/lane reductions greater than 12 hours	1
No current or potential for major street or freeway closures	0

C. Natural, Ecological, Historical and Cultural Resource Threats:

C.1 Natural and/or Ecological⁶ Resource Threats	Rating
Natural/Ecological Resources damaged or damage imminent	4
High potential for damage to Natural/Ecological Resources within next 12 hours	3
High potential for damage to Natural/Ecological Resources greater than 12 hours	2
Low overall potential for damage to Natural/Ecological Resources	1
No potential for Natural/Ecological Infrastructure disruption	0

C.2 Historical and/or Cultural⁷ Resource Threats	Rating
Historical/Cultural Resources damaged or damage imminent	4
High potential for damage to Historical/Cultural Resources within next 12 hours	3
High potential for damage to Historical/Cultural Resources greater than 12 hours	2
Low overall potential for damage to Historical/Cultural Resources	1
No potential for Historical/Cultural Resources damage	0

⁴ “Utility Infrastructure” includes: generation, storage, distribution and/or treatment of electricity, potable water, natural gas and raw sewage.

⁵ “Communication Infrastructure” includes: landline, voice over internet protocol (VOIP) and cellular telephone systems, internet, intranet and two-way radio communications.

⁶ “Natural and/or Ecological Resources” include: fresh water streams, rivers or lakes; ocean (including flood control channels & storm drains leading to directly to ocean); watersheds; wetlands; woodlands/forests; parks; wildlife preserves/refuges; ecological habitat; etc.

⁷ “Historical and/or Cultural Resources” include: any architecture, engineering, archaeological or cultural remains site, structure, building or district that is associated with the events that have made a significant contribution to the patterns of history or culture; that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past history or culture; embody distinctive characteristics of materials, type, period or method of construction or design.