

# Acronyms and Initialisms Used

US Response to Disasters and Public Health Emergencies  
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ASPR: Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (DHHS)	HSPD: Homeland Security Presidential Directive
CBRNE: Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive	NIMS: National Incident Management System
CDC: Centers for Disease Control (DHHS)	NN/LM: National Network of Libraries of Medicine (DHHS/NIH)
DCHA: Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (USAID) DHHS: Department of Health and Human Services	NOAA: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Department of Commerce)
DHS: Department of Homeland Security	NRCC: National Response Coordination Center (FEMA)
DIMRC: Disaster Information Management Research Center (DHHS/NIH/NLM)	NVOAD: National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
DMAT: Disaster Medical Assistance Team (NDMS)	NVRT: National Veterinary Response Team (NDMS)
DMORT: Disaster Mortuary Response Team (NDMS)	OPEO: Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations (DHHS/ASPR)
EOP: Emergency Operations Plan	OCHA: Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN)
ESF: Emergency Support Function (NRF)	OFDA: Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/DCHA)
FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency (DHS)	OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Department of Labor)
IAP: Incident Action Plan	PAHPA: Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, 2006
ICS: Incident Command System IMS: Incident Management System IMSURT: International Medical Surgical Response Team (NDMS)	PETS: Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006
HEICS: Hospital Emergency Incident Command System	PHE: as in, phe.gov: Public Health Emergency (DHHS/ASPR) PIO: Public information officer
HICS: Hospital Incident Command System	PKEMRA: Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006
JCAHO: Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations	PPD: Presidential Policy Directive
JIC: Joint Information Center	RRCC: Regional Response Coordinating Center (DHS/FEMA)
NIC: NIMS Integration Center	SIS: Specialized Information Services (DHHS/NLM)
NIH: National Institutes of Health (DHHS)	UN: United Nations
MRC: Medical Reserve Corps (DHHS/Office of the Surgeon General)	USAID: United States Agency for International Development
NDMS: National Disaster Medical System	WHO: World Health Organization
NGO: Non-governmental organization	
NLM: National Library of Medicine (DHHS/NIH)	
HRSA: Health Resources and Services Administration (DHHS)	
NRF: National Response Framework	