



American Red Cross
Central Pennsylvania Region

Disaster Cycle Services

What do Red Cross Disaster Action Teams do?

Respond to all disasters and events within the community

Example: A home in your neighborhood has just caught on fire. Along with the fire department, the local Red Cross Disaster Action Team responds. The team works with those affected to ensure they have a safe place to stay and a plan for moving forward after the fire.



Educate children on how to be prepared before a disaster occurs

Example: In partnership with Disney, the Red Cross has launched The Pillowcase Project to educate youth in classrooms across America. Become a Pillowcase instructor and help us prepare our nation's youth for the next disaster.

Prevent injury and save lives by installing smoke alarms in homes in our communities.

Example: The Home Fire Campaign is a nationwide effort. Working with local community partners and fire departments, Red Cross volunteer teams canvass vulnerable neighborhoods and install life-saving smoke alarms.





Deliver Response Services

We provide food, shelter, and comfort for families affected by major disasters such as fire, hurricanes, floods and tornadoes.

Example: After a local flood, Red Cross volunteers open a shelter at a nearby school to provide their neighbors with a safe place to stay and resources to help them plan for recovery.

Provide Recovery Services

We provide casework and recovery planning services to those who have been affected by a recent event.

Example: A day after a multi-unit apartment fire, caseworkers reach out to those who have been affected and work with them to plan their next steps.



Engage Volunteers

We would like to engage volunteers from multi-cultural neighborhoods to help establish a relationship with residents so that they know the Red Cross is a friendly neutral organization who is there to serve everyone .

Example: After a large disaster, hundreds of volunteers go door-to-door to offer support, and when necessary we open shelters to area residents. These shelters are safe zones and require no identification. It is imperative that we get this message communicated to the refugee and immigrant populations.



Want to join our Disaster Action Team?

[Redcross.org/volunteer](https://www.redcross.org/volunteer)