

## **THE ROLE OF CIVIL SECURITY FOR THE SOCIETY**

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### The purpose of civil protection

Civil protection is carried out in order to:

- implementation of state policy aimed at ensuring the security and protection of the population and territories, material and cultural values and the environment from the negative consequences of emergencies in peacetime and special periods;
- overcoming the consequences of emergencies, including the consequences of emergencies in the territories of foreign states in accordance with international treaties of Ukraine.

### Principles of civil protection

Civil protection is carried out on the principles of:

- voluntariness in involving people in taking measures in the field of civil protection related to the risk to life and health;
- an integrated approach to solving problems of civil protection;
- creation of a system of rational preventive safety in order to minimize, economically justified reduction of the probability of emergencies and minimize their consequences;
- territoriality and functioning of the unified system of civil protection;
- minimization of environmental damage;
- publicity, free access of the population to information in the field of civil protection in accordance with the legislation.

### Tasks of civil defense

The main tasks of civil defense are:

- collection and analytical processing of information on emergencies;
- forecasting and assessment of socio-economic consequences of emergencies;
- supervision and control in the field of civil protection;
- development and implementation of legislative and other regulations, compliance with norms and standards in the field of civil protection;
- development and implementation of precautionary measures in the field of civil protection;
- creation, preservation and rational use of material resources necessary to prevent emergencies;
- development and implementation of scientific and technical programs aimed at preventing emergencies;

- prompt notification of the population about the occurrence or threat of an emergency, timely and reliable information about the circumstances and measures taken to prevent emergencies and overcome their consequences;
- organization of protection of the population and territory from emergencies, provision of emergency psychological, medical and other assistance to victims;
- carrying out urgent works on liquidation of consequences of emergency situations and the organization of life support of the affected population;
- ensuring the constant readiness of civil defense forces and means to prevent emergencies and eliminate their consequences;
- provision of operational assistance to the population with the use of civil protection forces in case of adverse domestic or non-standard situations;
- training of the population in methods of protection in case of emergencies, unfavorable domestic or unusual situations and organization of trainings;
- international cooperation in the field of civil protection.

#### Basic measures in the field of civil protection

In order to effectively implement the tasks of civil protection, reduce material losses and prevent damage to objects, material and cultural values and the environment in case of emergencies, central and local executive bodies, local governments, their subordinate forces and means, enterprises, institutions and organizations, regardless of ownership, voluntary rescue teams carry out:

- notification and informing;
- observation and laboratory control;
- shelter in protective structures;
- evacuation;
- engineering, medical, psychological, biological, ecological, radiation and chemical protection.

The Law of Ukraine "On Protection of Population and Territories from Emergencies of Man-Made and Natural Nature" defines organizational and legal bases for protection of citizens of Ukraine, protection of industrial and social facilities, environment from emergencies of man-made and natural nature. The Law defines the basic principles in the field of protection of the population and territories from emergency situations:

- priority of tasks aimed at saving lives and preserving health and the environment;
- unconditional preference for radiation and preventive safety;
- free access of the population to information on protection of their life and health;
- personal responsibility and care of citizens for their own safety;
- the obligation to take early measures to prevent emergencies and minimize their negative psycho-social consequences;
- the maximum possible, effective and comprehensive use of available forces and means designed to prevent and respond to emergencies.

All citizens of Ukraine have common rights and responsibilities for protection against natural and man-made emergencies.

Thus, the practical implementation of state policy to ensure the livelihood of the population in conditions of various dangers, the priority of which is to prevent their occurrence, is based on legal norms, including those adopted by the international community.

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