

POLICY DOCUMENT PART 3

Goals and Policies

3.3 PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ELEMENT

The County has responsibility to plan for a safe environment in which the public is reasonably protected from risks to life, health, and property. The provision of a responsive public health and safety system is critical to the County's future and the welfare of its residents.

Development in unstable or hazard-prone areas (e.g., flood plains, slopes, etc.) will be limited to low-intensity uses. Law enforcement and fire services throughout the County will be expanded to serve growing communities, while noise-sensitive land uses will be sited to avoid major noise generators, such as railroads, roadways, airports, and industrialized portions of the County. The goals and policies in this Element are formulated to prepare for, prevent, and respond to potential hazards; however, it is unrealistic to create a completely hazard-free environment.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Health and Safety

- Minimize risks from major floods and fire hazards.
- Ensure the continued maintenance and enhancement of flood control infrastructure (i.e., levees).

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