

# OrSAP

## OREGON SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM



In 2019 the Oregon legislature unanimously passed HB 2206 creating the OrSAP program which will train, certify, and dispatch volunteers to perform post-disaster building safety assessments. These volunteers will assist local building departments that are overwhelmed with assessment needs.

An organized, consistent, and coordinated post-disaster safety assessment program is a critical piece of the toolbox Oregon needs to recover after a large natural disaster like the expected Cascadia Earthquake. Not all buildings will fail in an earthquake/disaster. This program will not only identify unsafe buildings but will facilitate faster economic recovery by getting people back into safe buildings and their homes and businesses sooner.

A coalition of statewide non-governmental organizations and the Oregon State Fire Marshal are looking to develop this new OrSAP program.

- Oregon Association of Building Officials (OBOA)
- Structural Engineers Association of Oregon (SEAO)

- Volunteer hours are eligible to increase federal disaster declaration dollars.
- This program will decrease shelter needs and help emergency managers to focus on the needs of the most vulnerable.
- The program also allows for professionals outside of the disaster area, not hindered by their own recovery, to be contacted quickly to respond. Smaller jurisdictions with few available assessors could benefit greatly from the quick mobilization of outside professionals.
- ***Without this program, Oregon is behind many other states and is lagging in preparedness for a large disaster.***

- American Institute of Architects (AIA)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)

**EARTHQUAKE  
or Other Disaster**

Local Incident Command (IC) Post

Statewide OrSAP Coordinators

Volunteers dispatched to IC for direction.

**OrSAP Evaluators**  
Engineers, Architects, and other licensed professionals that are certified by the OrSAP program.

Each building is evaluated for structural safety and unsafe conditions such as chimney falling hazards, large ground fissures, and other hazards such as toxic spills. Placards are then placed on the structures with the assessment of either:

**INSPECTED, RESTRICTED USE, or UNSAFE.**



Your local engineers, building officials, and architects (AIA, SEAO, ASCE, OBOA, and ACEC) encourage you to **SUPPORT HB 2881 & HB 2892** and Oregon's Safety Assessment Program.

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