



28 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

29 AMENDS:

30 **53-2a-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 85

31 **53-2a-104**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 85

32 **53-2a-807**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 85

33 **63C-6-101**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 154

34 **63I-1-253**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapters 154, 174, 214, 234, 242,

35 269, 335, and 354

36 ENACTS:

37 **53-2a-106**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

38 **53-2a-1401**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

39 **53-2a-1402**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

40 **53-2a-1403**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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42 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

43 Section 1. Section **53-2a-102** is amended to read:

44 **53-2a-102. Definitions.**

45 As used in this chapter:

46 (1) "Alerting authority" means a political subdivision that has received access to send  
47 alerts through the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System.

48 (2) "Attack" means a nuclear, cyber, conventional, biological, act of terrorism, or  
49 chemical warfare action against the United States of America or this state.

50 (3) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Public Safety or the  
51 commissioner's designee.

52 (4) "Director" means the division director appointed under Section **53-2a-103** or the  
53 director's designee.

54 (5) "Disaster" means an event that:

55 (a) causes, or threatens to cause, loss of life, human suffering, public or private  
56 property damage, or economic or social disruption resulting from attack, internal disturbance,  
57 natural phenomena, or technological hazard; and

58 (b) requires resources that are beyond the scope of local agencies in routine responses  
59 to emergencies and accidents and may be of a magnitude or involve unusual circumstances that  
60 require response by government, not-for-profit, or private entities.

61 (6) "Division" means the Division of Emergency Management created in Section  
62 [53-2a-103](#).

63 (7) "Emergency manager" means an individual designated as the emergency manager  
64 for a political subdivision as described in Section [53-2a-1402](#).

65 [~~7~~] (8) "Energy" includes the energy resources defined in this chapter.

66 [~~8~~] (9) "Expenses" means actual labor costs of government and volunteer personnel,  
67 and materials.

68 [~~9~~] (10) "Hazardous materials emergency" means a sudden and unexpected release of  
69 any substance that because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious  
70 characteristics presents a direct and immediate threat to public safety or the environment and  
71 requires immediate action to mitigate the threat.

72 [~~10~~] (11) "Internal disturbance" means a riot, prison break, terrorism, or strike.

73 [~~11~~] (12) "IPAWS" means the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System  
74 administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

75 [~~12~~] (13) "Municipality" means the same as that term is defined in Section [10-1-104](#).

76 [~~13~~] (14) "Natural phenomena" means any earthquake, tornado, storm, flood,  
77 landslide, avalanche, forest or range fire, drought, or epidemic.

78 (15) "Officer" means a person who is elected or appointed to an office or position  
79 within a political subdivision.

80 (16) "Political subdivision" means the same as that term is defined in Section  
81 [11-61-102](#).

82            [~~(14)~~] (17) "State of emergency" means a condition in any part of this state that  
83 requires state government emergency assistance to supplement the local efforts of the affected  
84 political subdivision to save lives and to protect property, public health, welfare, or safety in  
85 the event of a disaster, or to avoid or reduce the threat of a disaster.

86            [~~(15)~~] (18) "Technological hazard" means any hazardous materials accident, mine  
87 accident, train derailment, air crash, radiation incident, pollution, structural fire, or explosion.

88            [~~(16)~~] (19) "Terrorism" means activities or the threat of activities that:

- 89            (a) involve acts dangerous to human life;
- 90            (b) are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of this state; and
- 91            (c) to a reasonable person, would appear to be intended to:
  - 92            (i) intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
  - 93            (ii) influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or
  - 94            (iii) affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or
  - 95 kidnapping.

96            [~~(17)~~] (20) "Urban search and rescue" means the location, extrication, and initial  
97 medical stabilization of victims trapped in a confined space as the result of a structural  
98 collapse, transportation accident, mining accident, or collapsed trench.

99            Section 2. Section **53-2a-104** is amended to read:

100            **53-2a-104. Division duties -- Powers.**

- 101            (1) The division shall:
  - 102            (a) respond to the policies of the governor and the Legislature;
  - 103            (b) perform functions relating to emergency management as directed by the governor
  - 104 or by the commissioner, including:
    - 105            (i) coordinating with state agencies and local governments the use of personnel and
    - 106 other resources of these governmental entities as agents of the state during an interstate disaster
    - 107 in accordance with the Emergency Management Assistance Compact described in Section
    - 108 [53-2a-402](#);

- 109 (ii) coordinating the requesting, activating, and allocating of state resources during an  
110 intrastate disaster or a local state of emergency;
- 111 (iii) receiving and disbursing federal resources provided to the state in a declared  
112 disaster;
- 113 (iv) appointing a state coordinating officer who is the governor's representative and  
114 who shall work with a federal coordinating officer during a federally declared disaster; and
- 115 (v) appointing a state recovery officer who is the governor's representative and who  
116 shall work with a federal recovery officer during a federally declared disaster;
- 117 (c) prepare, implement, and maintain programs and plans to provide for:
  - 118 (i) prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by disasters;
  - 119 (ii) prompt and effective response to and recovery from disasters;
  - 120 (iii) identification of areas particularly vulnerable to disasters;
  - 121 (iv) coordination of hazard mitigation and other preventive and preparedness measures  
122 designed to eliminate or reduce disasters;
  - 123 (v) assistance to local officials, state agencies, and the business and public sectors, in  
124 developing emergency action plans;
  - 125 (vi) coordination of federal, state, and local emergency activities;
  - 126 (vii) coordination of emergency operations plans with emergency plans of the federal  
127 government;
  - 128 (viii) coordination of urban search and rescue activities;
  - 129 (ix) coordination of rapid and efficient communications in times of emergency; and
  - 130 (x) other measures necessary, incidental, or appropriate to this part;
- 131 (d) coordinate with local officials, state agencies, and the business and public sectors in  
132 developing, implementing, and maintaining a state energy emergency plan in accordance with  
133 Section [53-2a-902](#);
- 134 (e) coordinate with state agencies regarding development and construction of state  
135 buildings within a flood plain to ensure compliance with minimum standards of the National

136 Flood Insurance Program, 42 U.S.C. Chapter 50, Subchapter I, as described in Section  
137 53-2a-106;

138 ~~(f)~~ (f) administer Part 6, Disaster Recovery Funding Act, in accordance with that  
139 part;

140 ~~(g)~~ (g) conduct outreach annually to agencies and officials who have access to  
141 IPAWS; and

142 ~~(h)~~ (h) coordinate with counties to ensure every county has the access and ability to  
143 send, or a plan to send, IPAWS messages, including Wireless Emergency Alerts and  
144 Emergency Alert System messages.

145 (2) Every three years, organizations that have the ability to send IPAWS messages,  
146 including emergency service agencies, public safety answering points, and emergency  
147 managers shall send verification of Federal Emergency Management Agency training to the  
148 Division.

149 (3) (a) The Department of Public Safety shall designate state geographical regions and  
150 allow the political subdivisions within each region to:

151 (i) coordinate planning with other political subdivisions, tribal governments, and as  
152 appropriate, other entities within that region and with state agencies as appropriate, or as  
153 designated by the division;

154 (ii) coordinate grant management and resource purchases; and

155 (iii) organize joint emergency response training and exercises.

156 (b) The political subdivisions within a region designated in Subsection (3)(a) may not  
157 establish the region as a new government entity in the emergency disaster declaration process  
158 under Section 53-2a-208.

159 (4) The division may make rules in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
160 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to:

161 (a) establish protocol for prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, recovery, and  
162 the activities described in Subsection (3);

163 (b) coordinate federal, state, and local resources in a declared disaster or local  
164 emergency; and

165 (c) implement provisions of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact as  
166 provided in Section 53-2a-402 and Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 3, Statewide Mutual Aid Act.

167 (5) The division may consult with the Legislative Management Committee, the Judicial  
168 Council, and legislative and judicial staff offices to assist the division in preparing emergency  
169 succession plans and procedures under Title 53, Chapter 2a, Part 8, Emergency Interim  
170 Succession Act.

171 (6) The division shall report annually in writing not later than October 31 to the Law  
172 Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and Political Subdivisions Interim Committees regarding  
173 the status of the emergency alert system in the state. The report shall include:

- 174 (a) a status summary of the number of alerting authorities in Utah;
- 175 (b) any changes in that number;
- 176 (c) administrative actions taken; and
- 177 (d) any other information considered necessary by the division.

178 Section 3. Section 53-2a-106 is enacted to read:

179 **53-2a-106. Coordination for state development in a flood plain.**

180 Any state agency that plans to develop or construct a building within a flood plain shall  
181 consult and coordinate with the division to ensure compliance with minimum standards of the  
182 National Flood Insurance Program, 42 U.S.C. Chapter 50, Subchapter I.

183 Section 4. Section 53-2a-807 is amended to read:

184 **53-2a-807. Emergency interim successors for local officers.**

185 (1) By July 1 of each year, each political subdivision shall:

- 186 (a) for each officer and the emergency manager described in Part 14, Local Emergency  
187 Management Act, designate three emergency interim successors and specify their order of  
188 succession;

189 (b) identify the political subdivision's alerting authority and any individuals authorized

190 to send emergency alerts;

191 (c) provide a list of those designated successors and individuals to the division; and

192 (d) have an emergency alert plan in place and provide a copy of the plan to the

193 division.

194 (2) In the event that a political subdivision does not designate emergency interim

195 successors as required under Subsection (1), the order of succession shall be as follows:

196 (a) the chief executive officer of the political subdivision;

197 (b) the chief deputy executive officer of the political subdivision;

198 (c) the chair of the legislative body of the political subdivision; and

199 (d) the chief law enforcement officer of the political subdivision.

200 (3) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

201 (i) if any political subdivision officer or the political subdivision officer's legal deputy,

202 if any, is unavailable, a designated emergency interim successor shall exercise the powers and

203 duties of the office according to the order of succession specified by the political subdivision

204 officer; or

205 (ii) counties may provide by ordinance that one member of the county legislative body

206 may act as the county legislative body if the other members are absent.

207 (b) An emergency interim successor shall exercise the powers and duties of the office

208 only until:

209 (i) the vacancy is filled in accordance with the constitution or statutes; or

210 (ii) the political subdivision officer, the political subdivision officer's deputy, or an

211 emergency interim successor earlier in the order of succession becomes available to exercise

212 the powers and duties of the office.

213 (4) The legislative bodies of each political subdivision may enact resolutions or

214 ordinances consistent with this part and also provide for emergency interim successors to

215 officers of the political subdivision not governed by this section.

216 Section 5. Section **53-2a-1401** is enacted to read:



217 **Part 14. Local Emergency Management Act**

218 **53-2a-1401. Title.**

219 This part is known as the "Local Emergency Management Act."

220 Section 6. Section **53-2a-1402** is enacted to read:

221 **53-2a-1402. Designation and duties of emergency managers.**

222 (1) Each political subdivision of the state of Utah shall designate an emergency  
223 manager.

224 (2) A political subdivision may designate an officer of the political subdivision to serve  
225 as the emergency manager.

226 (3) An emergency manager shall:

227 (a) create a plan to coordinate emergency preparedness, response, mitigation,  
228 coordination, and other recovery activities; and

229 (b) coordinate with other emergency managers and officials to ensure efficient,  
230 appropriate, and coordinated emergency preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery.

231 (4) Each political subdivision shall provide for emergency interim succession of the  
232 emergency manager as described in Part 8, Emergency Interim Succession Act.

233 Section 7. Section **53-2a-1403** is enacted to read:

234 **53-2a-1403. Emergency operations plan.**

235 (1) Each county shall create and maintain an emergency operations plan.

236 (2) Each city, town, and metro township shall:

237 (a) create and maintain an emergency operations plan; or

238 (b) adopt the emergency operations plan created by the county in which the city, town,  
239 or metro township is located.

240 Section 8. Section **63C-6-101** is amended to read:

241 **63C-6-101. Creation of commission -- Membership -- Appointment -- Vacancies.**

242 (1) There is created the Utah Seismic Safety Commission consisting of 15 members,  
243 designated as follows:

244 (a) the director of the Division of Emergency Management or the director's designee;

245 (b) the director of the Utah Geological Survey or the director's designee;

246 (c) the director of the University of Utah Seismograph Stations or the director's  
247 designee;

248 (d) the executive director of the Utah League of Cities and Towns or the executive  
249 director's designee;

250 (e) a representative from the Structural Engineers Association of Utah biannually  
251 selected by its membership;

252 (f) the director of the Division of Facilities Construction and Management or the  
253 director's designee;

254 (g) the executive director of the Department of Transportation or the director's  
255 designee;

256 (h) the State Planning Coordinator or the coordinator's designee;

257 (i) a representative from the American Institute of Architects, Utah Section;

258 (j) a representative from the American Society of Civil Engineers, Utah Section;

259 (k) ~~[two]~~ three individuals, appointed by the director of the Division of Emergency  
260 Management, from earthquake-related organizations that have an interest in reducing  
261 earthquake-related loss in the state, with consideration given to recommendations of the Utah  
262 Seismic Safety Commission;

263 (l) the commissioner of the Department of Insurance or the commissioner's designee;  
264 and

265 ~~[(m) a representative from the Association of Contingency Planners, Utah Chapter,~~  
266 ~~biannually selected by its membership; and]~~

267 ~~[(n)]~~ (m) a representative from the American Public Works Association, Utah Chapter,  
268 biannually selected by its membership.

269 (2) The commission shall annually select one of its members to serve as chair of the  
270 commission.

271 (3) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the replacement shall be  
272 appointed for the unexpired term.

273 Section 9. Section **63I-1-253** is amended to read:

274 **63I-1-253. Repeal dates, Titles 53 through 53G.**

275 (1) Section **53-2a-105**, which creates the Emergency Management Administration  
276 Council, is repealed July 1, [~~2021~~] 2022.

277 (2) Sections **53-2a-1103** and **53-2a-1104**, which create the Search and Rescue Advisory  
278 Board, are repealed July 1, 2022.

279 (3) Section **53-5-703**, which creates the Concealed Firearm Review Board, is repealed  
280 July 1, 2023.

281 (4) Subsection **53-6-203(1)(b)(ii)**, regarding being 19 years old at certification, is  
282 repealed July 1, 2027.

283 (5) Subsection **53-13-104(6)(a)**, regarding being 19 years old at certification, is  
284 repealed July 1, 2027.

285 (6) Section **53B-6-105.5**, which creates the Technology Initiative Advisory Board, is  
286 repealed July 1, 2024.

287 (7) Title 53B, Chapter 17, Part 11, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

288 (8) Section **53B-17-1203**, which creates the SafeUT and School Safety Commission, is  
289 repealed January 1, 2025.

290 (9) Section **53B-18-1501** is repealed July 1, 2021.

291 (10) Title 53B, Chapter 18, Part 16, USTAR Researchers, is repealed July 1, 2028.

292 (11) Title 53B, Chapter 24, Part 4, Rural Residency Training Program, is repealed July  
293 1, 2025.

294 (12) Subsection **53C-3-203(4)(b)(vii)**, which provides for the distribution of money  
295 from the Land Exchange Distribution Account to the Geological Survey for test wells and other  
296 hydrologic studies in the West Desert, is repealed July 1, 2030.

297 (13) Section **53E-3-515** is repealed January 1, 2023.

- 298 (14) In relation to a standards review committee, on January 1, 2023:
- 299 (a) in Subsection 53E-4-202(8), the language "by a standards review committee and the
- 300 recommendations of a standards review committee established under Section 53E-4-203" is
- 301 repealed; and
- 302 (b) Section 53E-4-203 is repealed.
- 303 (15) Subsections 53E-3-503(5) and (6), which create coordinating councils for youth in
- 304 custody, are repealed July 1, 2027.
- 305 (16) Section 53E-4-402, which creates the State Instructional Materials Commission, is
- 306 repealed July 1, 2022.
- 307 (17) Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission, is
- 308 repealed July 1, 2023.
- 309 (18) Subsection 53E-8-204(4), which creates the advisory council for the Utah Schools
- 310 for the Deaf and the Blind, is repealed July 1, 2021.
- 311 (19) Section 53F-2-514 is repealed July 1, 2020.
- 312 (20) Section 53F-5-203 is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 313 (21) Section 53F-5-212 is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 314 (22) Section 53F-5-213 is repealed July 1, 2023.
- 315 (23) Section 53F-5-214, in relation to a grant for professional learning, is repealed July
- 316 1, 2025.
- 317 (24) Section 53F-5-215, in relation to an elementary teacher preparation grant is
- 318 repealed July 1, 2025.
- 319 (25) Subsection 53F-9-203(7), which creates the Charter School Revolving Account
- 320 Committee, is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 321 (26) Section 53F-9-501 is repealed January 1, 2023.
- 322 (27) Subsections 53G-4-608(2)(b) and (4)(b), related to the Utah Seismic Safety
- 323 Commission, are repealed January 1, 2025.
- 324 (28) Subsection 53G-8-211(5), regarding referrals of a minor to court for a class C

325 misdemeanor, is repealed July 1, 2022.