As of January 1, 2008, The Joint Commission (JC) will require compliance with updated “Emergency Management Standards,” which take an all-hazards view of emergency management. The Joint Commission has concluded that organizations need to plan for combinations of escalating events rather than a single emergency. The revised standards emphasize a scalable approach to help organizations manage the variety, intensity, and duration of the disasters that affect a single organization, multiple organizations, or an entire community.

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