

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?		
Incident (unplanned event): Examples: An occurrence or event, natural or manmade that requires a response to protect life or property.	vs	Event (planned event): Examples: a scheduled nonemergency activity (e.g., sporting event, concert, parade, training exercise, large convention, fair, large gathering, etc.)
Traditionally, “ alerts ” have been used to indicate that something significant has happened or may happen.	vs	“ Warnings ” typically follow alerts and provide more detail information indicating what protective action should be taken.
A natural hazard is the threat of an event that will likely have a negative impact and the potential to threaten people’s lives, their property and livelihoods.	vs	A natural disaster is the negative impact following an actual occurrence of natural hazard if it significantly harms a community broadly.
Inflammable can mean either flammable (capable of being easily ignited and of burning quickly) or easily inflamed	vs	Nonflammable , on the other hand, means not flammable; specifically, not easily ignited and not burning rapidly if ignited.
Emergency Operations Plan (EOP): An all-hazards document that specifies actions to be taken in the event of an emergency or disaster event; identifies authorities, relationships, and the actions to be taken by whom, what, when, and where, based on predetermined assumptions, objectives, and existing capabilities.	vs	Incident Action Plan (IAP): An oral or written plan containing general objectives reflecting the overall strategy for managing an incident. It may include the identification of operational resources and assignments. It may also include attachments that provide direction and important information for management of the incident during one or more operational periods.
Response: Those activities and programs designed to address the immediate and short-term effects of the onset of an emergency or disaster.	vs	Recovery: Those long-term activities and programs beyond the initial crisis period of an emergency or disaster and designed to return all systems to normal status or to reconstitute these systems to a new condition that is less vulnerable.
Risk: The possibility of suffering harm from a hazard.	vs	Threat: Natural or manmade occurrence, individual, entity, or action that has or indicates the potential to harm life, information, operations, the environment, and/or property.
Frostbite is an injury to the body	vs	Hypothermia is abnormally low body

caused by freezing body tissue.		temperature (below 95 degrees Fahrenheit)
A Funnel Cloud is a funnel-shaped cloud of condensed water droplets, associated with a rotating column of wind and extending from the base of a cloud but not reaching the ground or a water surface.	vs	Tornado is a violently rotating column of air funnel cloud which touches the ground.