

Disaster centre

'Disaster centre' is a term normally associated with risk and security planning and management to prepare for, prevent or alleviate damage caused by major natural or man-made disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes or fire. The term has however come to have salience within technology studies as well as within Cultural Heritage circles. For information and communication technology, the term can be used to describe both a virtual or physical space where actions can be taken to protect against irreversible data loss, equipment failure or cyber attacks. This definition of a disaster centre is germane for Cultural Heritage held in institutions, where risk and disaster management policies and procedures can be effectively implemented to mitigate against any damage to both the tangible heritage itself and the digital information that is stored about the heritage.