

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE to the rapid building assessment process

Rapid building assessments are a brief evaluation of individual buildings and their immediate surrounds for damage, usability and hazards exposure. The goal is to assess immediate risk to public safety. When carrying out these assessments, actual or potential land instability and geotechnical hazards also need to be considered.

Before a Rapid Building Assessor (RBA) is deployed to an area to assess damaged buildings an initial pre-assessment equipment check should take place. This is to ensure the RBA has all of the following: placards (all colours and multiple copies of each); info sheets for building owners; forms; if recording assessments digitally a fully-charged device; permanent marker; PPE gear; communication (phone, phone numbers, EOC contact etc).

