Overview
The state of Maine is vulnerable to a host of natural, technological, and human-caused hazards, from winter storms, tornados, and hurricanes to pandemics, hazardous materials spills, and acts of terrorism. State Government has responsibility to safeguard the general public by planning for the occurrence of these and other hazards.

The authority for the management of emergency and disaster operations lies with the Governor per Maine Revised Statute, Title 37-B, §741. The Director of Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is responsible to the Governor for all matters pertaining to disaster and emergency response in the state.

In accordance with Maine Revised Statute, Title 37-B, §704, MEMA has developed the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) to provide a framework for state-level emergency management activities and to define how State Government interfaces with other emergency management stakeholders, including local, county, and tribal governments, nongovernmental organizations, other states, the Federal Government, and the private sector.

The CEMP is composed of three parts:

- Volume I - Preparedness Strategy
- Volume II - Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Volume III - Interagency Disaster Recovery Plan (IDRP)

Acronyms, abbreviations, and definitions are listed in a companion document to the CEMP, titled the State Acronyms, Abbreviations, and Definitions List (SAAD List).