



*Tanggapan ng Kalihim*  
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DECS MEMORANDUM  
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**DISASTER AWARENESS, PREPAREDNESS AND DRILLS**

To Bureau Directors  
Regional Directors  
Schools Superintendents  
Private Elementary and Secondary School Principals

1 Occurrences of natural calamities like earthquakes in Taiwan, Mexico and California, super-typhoons in the Asia-Pacific and other parts of the world and tsunamis had been reported worldwide during the last few months. These violent acts of nature cannot be predicted accurately. However, the best way to cope with any occurrence of disaster is awareness, preparedness and drills. DECS schools and offices should conduct drills and examine possible hazards in their own areas of responsibility.

2 The fact that because natural events cause much damage in terms of human, physical and material resources, DECS offices and schools are enjoined to implement the following activities:

- a. Scanning and survey of buildings and the immediate environment for possible structural defects which may pose as threats to life and property,
- b. Conduct in every school and office disaster awareness, preparedness and drills,
- c. Remedial building repairs be undertaken as safety measures,
- d. Locate and prepare a list of local agencies concerned with Disaster Preparedness, e.g. Philippine National Red Cross, Civil Defense and others. Coordination will be highly desired. Inclosed is a list of National Disaster Coordinating Councils (NDCC) with telephone numbers per region.

3 Every life is precious and all efforts be exerted to preserve it in every school where children had been entrusted to DECS.

4 Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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As stated

Reference

DECS Order No 93, s 1998

Allotment 1-(D O 50 97)

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index  
under the following subjects

CALAMITY  
SAFETY EDUCATION

**List of National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) telephone numbers per region**

<b>NCR</b>	<b>911 3038 / 9115061 64</b>	<b>(Camp Aguinaldo)</b>
<b>REGION I</b>	<b>072 888 2384</b>	<b>(La Union)</b>
<b>REGION II</b>	<b>078 844 1630</b>	<b>(Cagayan)</b>
<b>REGION III</b>	<b>045 961 3701</b>	<b>(Camp Olivas Pampanga)</b>
<b>REGION IV</b>	<b>043 723-4248</b>	<b>(Batangas)</b>
<b>REGION V</b>	<b>052 481 5031</b>	<b>(Legaspi)</b>
<b>REGION VI</b>	<b>033 336-9353</b>	<b>(Iloilo)</b>
<b>REGION VII</b>	<b>032 253-6162</b>	<b>(Cebu)</b>
<b>REGION VIII</b>	<b>053 323 5301</b>	<b>(Tacloban)</b>
<b>REGION IX</b>	<b>062 991 6361</b>	<b>(Zamboanga)</b>
<b>REGION X</b>	<b>088 233 0295</b>	<b>(Butuan)</b>
<b>REGION XI</b>	<b>082 233 2022</b>	<b>(Davao city)</b>
<b>REGION XII</b>	<b>064 421 2879</b>	<b>(Cotabato)</b>
<b>CARAGA</b>	<b>085 815 6345</b>	<b>(Caraga)</b>
<b>ARMM</b>	<b>064 421 2879</b>	<b>(ARMM)</b>
<b>CAR</b>	<b>074-444 5298</b>	<b>(Baguio City)</b>