

Department of Human Services Health & Medical Planning in Emergency Management



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Context



Terrorism

Emergency management concepts

- The Comprehensive Approach
 - All Hazards
 - PPRR



Emergency management concepts

PPRR

Preparedness



Response



Prevention



Recovery

Emergency management concepts

- The Integrated Approach
 - All agencies
 - The prepared community



National responsibilities

- Emergency Management Australia
 - Provide national coordination and support to states and territories
- Other national government departments provide specialist support, advice and resources as required



State responsibilities

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- Prevention (Mitigation)
 - Led by Country Fire Authority
 - Preparedness
 - All agencies required to plan and prepare
 - Response
 - Victoria Police Coordinator
 - Control Agency depends on event
 - Recovery
 - DHS coordinator
 - Supported by range of agencies

Local government responsibilities

Local government is responsible for:

- Planning at local level
- Managing the local impact
- Coordinating local recovery



DHS' role in prevention

- Disease Surveillance
- Food Safety
- Radiation Safety & Regulation
- Immunisation
- Environmental Health
- Drinking Water Regulation

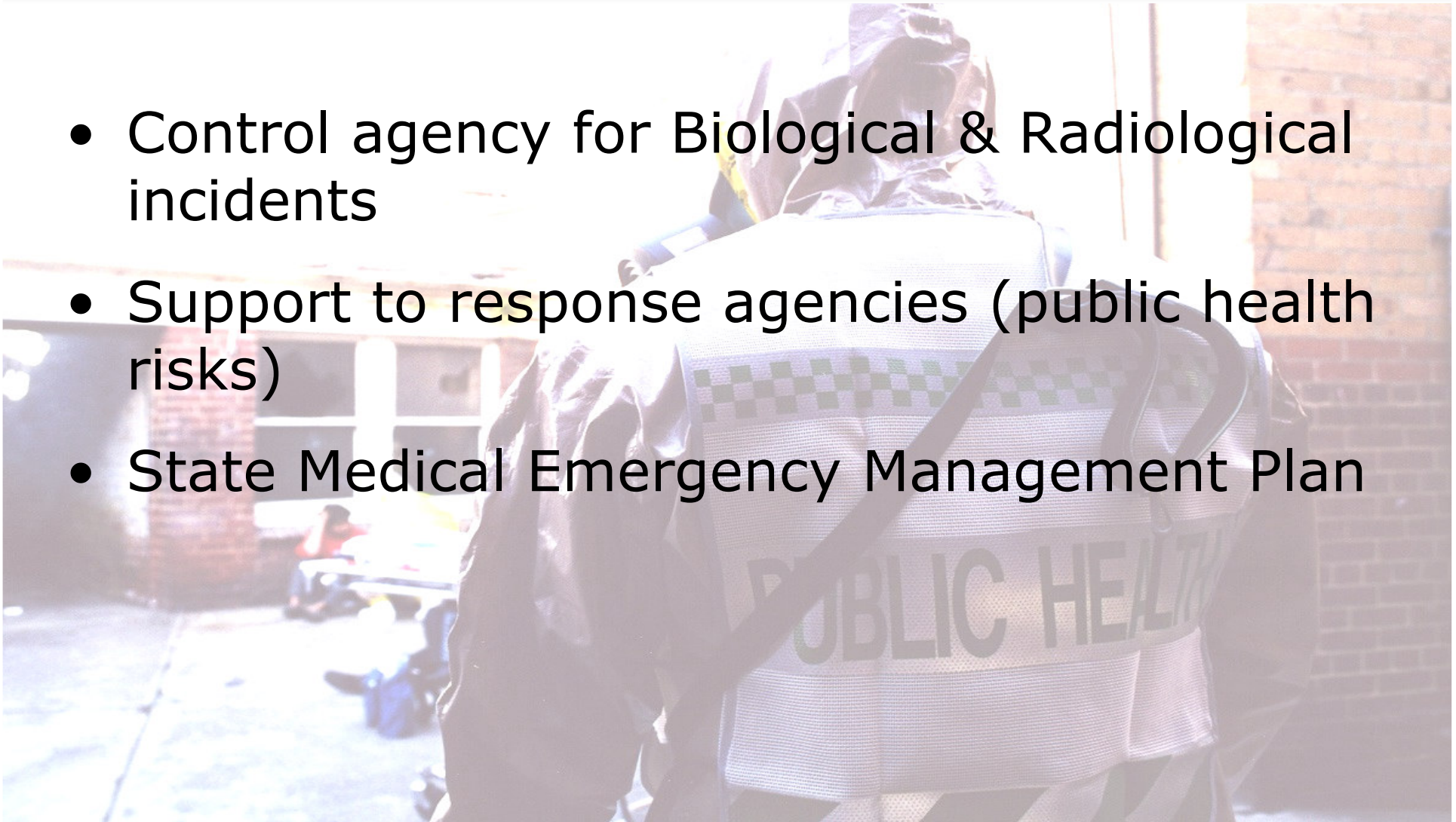


DHS' role in preparedness

- Departmental coordination, response and recovery committees and plans
- Pharmaceutical stockpiles
- Training
- Resources (CBR decon, PPE, VMAT)

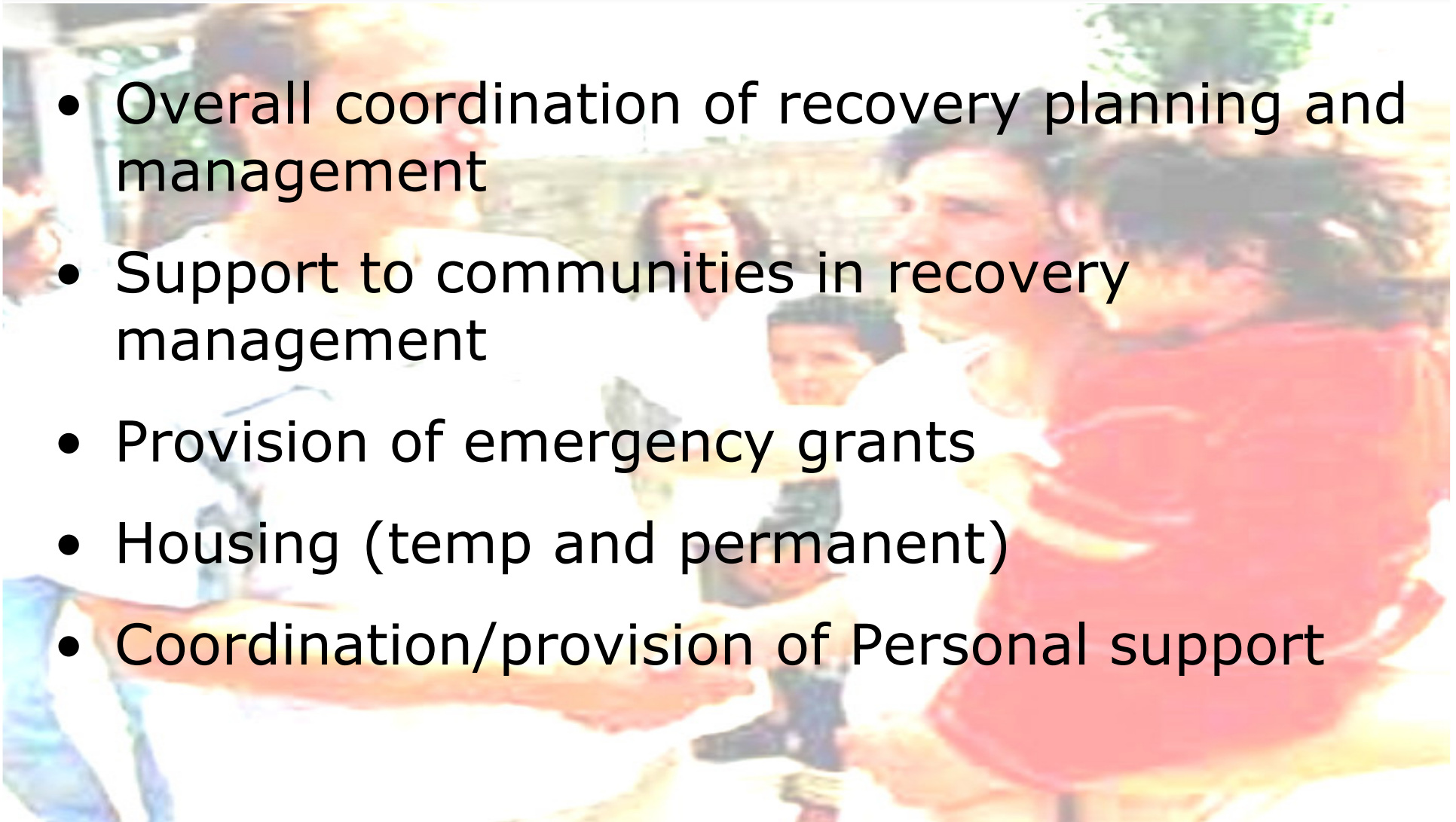
DHS' role in response

- Control agency for Biological & Radiological incidents
- Support to response agencies (public health risks)
- State Medical Emergency Management Plan

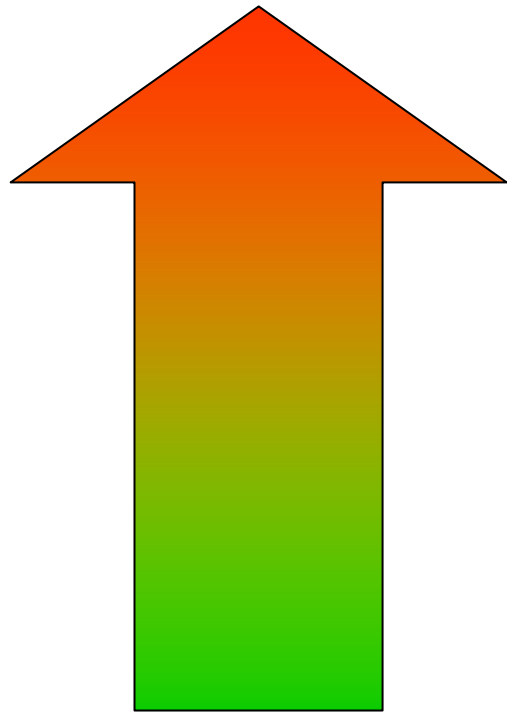


DHS' role in recovery

- Overall coordination of recovery planning and management
- Support to communities in recovery management
- Provision of emergency grants
- Housing (temp and permanent)
- Coordination/provision of Personal support



Changing profile of risk in the health sector



2005 Avian Influenza

2003 SARS

2002 Bali

2001 White powder

2001 September 11

1999 Y2K

1998 Longford Gas Crisis

1983 Ash Wednesday

Following Bali, the National Threat Level was raised to

Medium

State Medical Emergency Response Plan (SMERP) Review

- Prehospital focus
- 2002 MICC Review
- DHS' role
- The State Medical Emergency Response Plan
- Medical assistance teams
- Issues and need for review
- Regional Planning

Health & medical planning issues

On the agenda for the health and medical sector

- Influenza Pandemic
 - Specialist isolation facilities
- Capacity and capability review
- State Medical Emergency Management Plan Review
- Hospital external emergency management plans
- Medical assistance teams
- Raising the profile of the role of the health sector in EM
- CBR

Where do Divisions & GP's fit in?

- Planning
 - State Health and Medical Planning Committee
 - Health & Medical Sub Committees rural areas (contact DHS region for information)
 - Municipal Emergency Management Planning (Contact LGA Municipal Emergency Management Officer)

Where do Divisions & GP's fit in?

- Response
 - Disease surveillance/early detection
 - Treating self presenters at practice
- Recovery
 - Referral of patients needing specific personal/psychological support after an emergency

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