



Construction Codes and Licensing

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- Less frequent, but equally devastating, are floods which periodically inundate river cities and towns.



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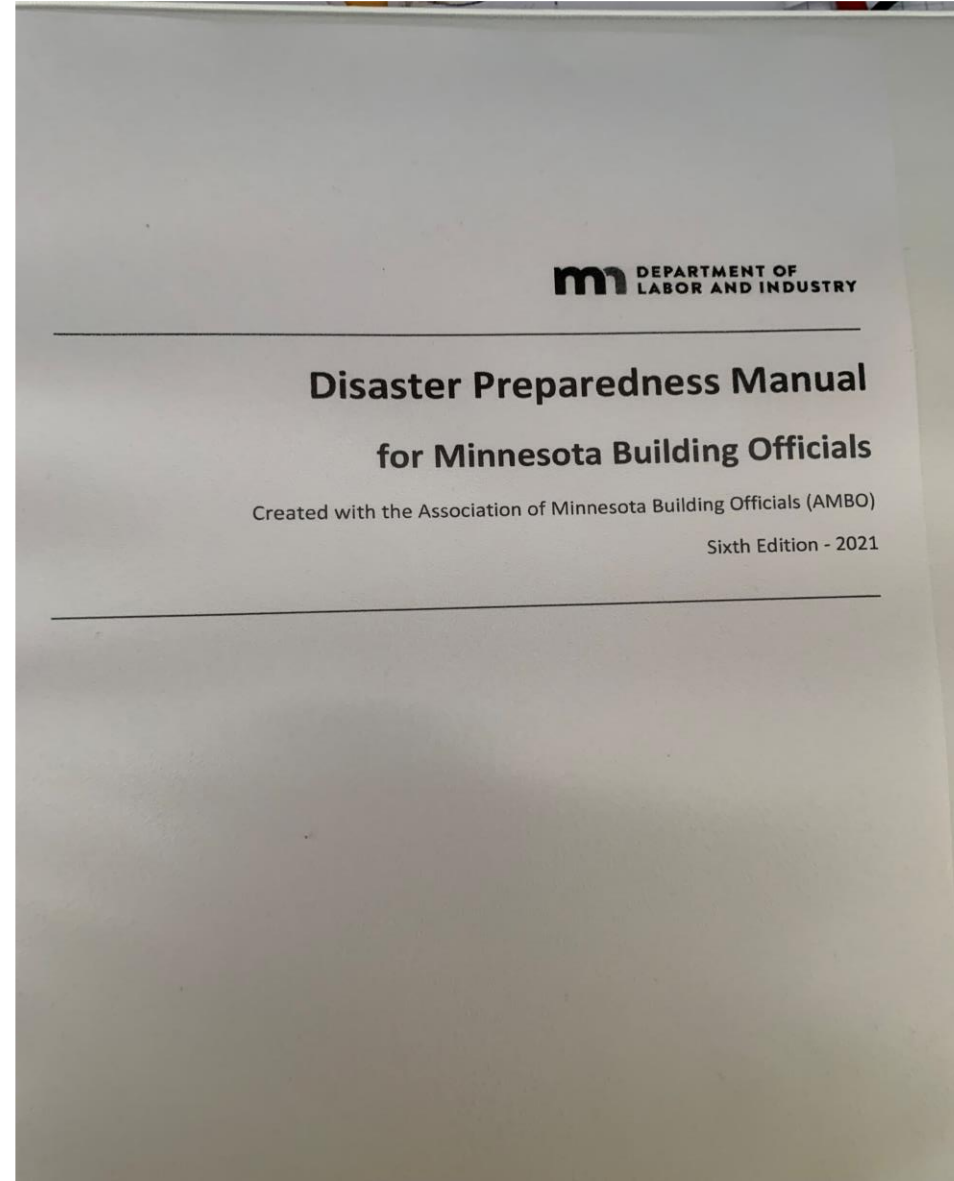
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- Here, the building department’s role will largely depend on direction from the local jurisdiction’s administration, however, the daily routine of properly and completely, reviewing plans and performing inspections to the State Building Code, will have a significant impact on the ability of structures to withstand damage from future natural disasters.

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