

# District to develop action plan

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intended to scare people, said Fiona Dercole, manager of public safety with the district, but it is meant to prompt conversation and to make a start towards mitigating risks.

The hazard is there, said Dercole, whether people choose to talk about it or not.

One of the most telling parts of the study happened when researchers reran their earthquake model — this time with the assumption buildings had received seismic upgrades.

Under that scenario, the 840 buildings damaged beyond repair was reduced to 21. Upgrading buildings would also cut deaths and critical injuries by 50 and prevent 100 more serious injuries, according to the report.

An action plan that deals with risks identified in the report is now being developed by the municipality.