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**REACT**  
DISASTER RESPONSE

## Response: Bristol Evacuation, UK

Response Teams were deployed to support residents evacuated from a Bristol tower block after it was deemed unsafe.



### Response overview:

- Request for assistance from Bristol Civil Protection (Bristol City Council) received on 14 November.
- The first Responders were on the scene within two hours.
- 13 Responders deployed to support the set up of a rest centre for evacuated residents.
- 104 volunteer hours were spent on task.

### What happened?

A major incident was declared as 400 people were asked to evacuate their homes in Bristol. Barton House had been subject to a survey which found that in the event of a fire, explosion or large impact, there would be a risk to the structure of the block.

*"It's the first time I have worked with a team from REACT and I cannot begin to tell you how helpful they were. Nothing was too much trouble and they were trained in every single aspect of who you would need in any type of disaster. Truly inspirational."*

Teresa Coles, Citizen Services Manager, Bristol City Council



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