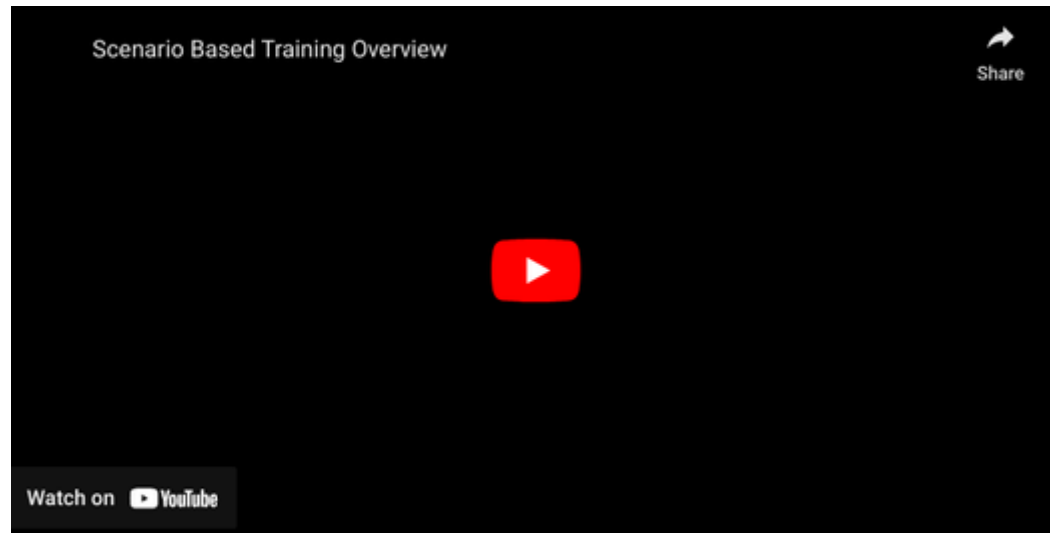


Scenario-based Exercises



Scenarios - Validation Without Harm

Scenarios help organisations validate their plans, procedures, and response capabilities through custom-designed tabletop and functional exercises. These scenarios test readiness, identify gaps, stress systems, boost confidence, and assure stakeholders—all without harming the organisation.

Why it Matters

Elevate your team's readiness with a training approach that mirrors the rigorous scenario planning and discussion tactics used in my rescue missions. Well-formulated and facilitated scenarios offer many benefits to an organisation, including:

- Risk-Free Learning: a safe environment to learn and improve without the risk of actual harm to the organisation.
- Readiness Testing: Ensuring all elements are ready for actual incidents.
- Confidence Boosting: Increase employee confidence in their ability to manage incidents, reducing anxiety and improving performance.
- System Stress Testing: Evaluate the robustness of systems under pressure, ensuring they can withstand real incidents and crises
- Gap Identification: Detects weaknesses and gaps in systems and processes, allowing for proactive mitigation before a real incident.
- Stakeholder assurance - demonstrates to stakeholders, including governance, regulators and clients, that the organisation is incident-ready.

What They Say

The scenario demonstrated that our crisis management team was acting as an incident management team and didn't bring the strategic thinking we required.

Steve Morris
CEO, Auckland NZ

The scenario allowed us to investigate the incident management roles and process of generating an action plan.

Senior Ranger
DOC, Queenstown, NZ

Dave's scenarios left us feeling empowered and confident to participate in whatever dramas get thrown at us.

K. Knowles
Director of Biodiversity, DOC, NZ

The exercise identified a "struggle for power", which sometimes made it a little tense. Otherwise, I feel that it was extremely well planned and run.

Area Commander
NZ Police

A Unique Perspective

Every time our rescue helicopter responded on a mission we had to be prepared for what we found, and be ready to deal with the unexpected. Our training and our "what if" discussions, coupled with our experience, allowed us to handle any incident we encountered.

I bring this experience into the 'real world' by writing and facilitating scenario-based training exercises for small and large organisations, including:

- NZ Search and Rescue : creating all-of-government scenario based exercises designed to test New Zealand's ability to handle a Costa Concordia type cruise ship accident.
- Wellington International Airport : testing multiple agency readiness for an aircraft crash involving deaths, injuries and non-injured
- Auckland Stadiums : testing readiness for a variety of incidents such as suspicious packages, fire and weather events, involving thousands of people
- NZ Ministry of Health: testing our response to pandemic related scenarios
- Testing small business owners readiness in a shared office space.

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