



A whole life



**RÄDDNINGSG
VERKET**

Swedish Rescue Services Agency

Incidents and accidents happen and people get injured. They happen all the time. And we don't always learn from our mistakes – candles are forgotten about, life jackets are felt to be unnecessary in shallow water, or somebody is careless with safety routines in the workplace.

They happen in Tranås and Ludvika, in Sweden and in other countries. They affect children and adults, rich and poor. When an accident happens it doesn't matter who you are.

*A whole life in a world
with a continuous decrease
in accidents and injuries.*

Many incidents and accidents can be avoided; and it is the task of the Swedish Rescue Services Agency to support and develop the work on preventing as many of them as possible. It's all about creating a safer society and contributing to a whole life for everyone.

And when an incident or accident happens our aim is a society in which you suffer less from its effects. That's what our vision is.



*Accidents and other
emergencies cost
society close to
40 billion
kronas every year.*

*Knowledge
is the key.*



*We want to reduce
the number of inci-
dents and accidents
- to do that we
need to know where
the risks are.*

Most types of accidents and other emergencies have happened before.

Prevention is about making sure they don't happen again.

It doesn't need to happen

Studying how incidents and accidents happen

Emergencies happen every day. They can be domestic accidents, fires, incidents involving dangerous substances, floods, or road traffic accidents. The aim of the Swedish Rescue Services Agency is to ensure that as few emergencies as possible occur; and that when they do occur, their effects on life, property and the environment should be held to a minimum. That is why we draw up regulations on, for example, fire prevention, the transport of dangerous goods, and the safe handling of hazardous substances.

In our prevention work we collaborate with, for example, municipalities, county administrative boards and other authorities, the industrial and commercial sector, and universities and colleges. We also participate in international work to create uniform regulations within the European Union and the United Nations.

Through the development of knowledge we contribute to society being safer and more secure in the long run.

To learn more about when and how emergencies occur, the Swedish Centre for Lessons Learned from Incidents & Accidents (NCO) provides, for example, municipalities with statistics and information from incidents and accidents that have occurred.



Think ahead!



Four out of five accidents happen during leisure time and in the home.

Cooperation provides better results

Effective emergency services

It's all about being as prepared as possible for when emergencies occur. The task of the Swedish Rescue Services Agency is to strengthen society's capacity to carry out effective emergency response operations.

For example, improving coordination and command at emergency response operations, so that collaboration between the fire brigade, the police and the emergency medical services on scene at an incident functions as well as possible. The Swedish Rescue Services Agency is also involved in the development of RAKEL, the common radio communications system for the civil protection and emergency services authorities.

The Swedish Rescue Services Agency works continually with the development of new methods and aids that are as environmentally friendly as possible. We maintain depots with equipment for municipal emergency response operations for forest fires, floods, major chemical incidents, and clear up after oil spills.

The Swedish Rescue Services Agency works to strengthen emergency preparedness

- For emergencies involving hazardous substances
- For nuclear energy emergencies
- within the field of CBRN
- For oil spills

* CBRN: internationell förkortning som avser hot eller risker med kemiska (C), biologiska (B), radiologiska (R) och nukleära (N) medel.





We ensure that
society can carry
out effective
emergency response
operations.

To respond correctly requires knowledge and training

The training offered by the Swedish Rescue Services Agency

To be able to respond correctly in difficult situations requires training. The training courses offered by the Swedish Rescue Services Agency prepare people to respond in real and often stressful situations. Our colleges have modern training facilities, where we can hold practical exercises under realistic conditions.

The Swedish Rescue Services Agency offers a wide range of practical training and courses, from crisis management to fire progress and extinguishing techniques.

Our courses are aimed at those who have a need for training and development in the field of risk and safety. The Swedish Rescue Services Agency's colleges train, for example, Sweden's firefighters and chimney sweeps. But also run a comprehensive range of training courses for municipalities, national authorities, the private sector and various organisations.

To increase knowledge amongst children and youngsters about fires the Swedish Rescue Services Agency also produces educational literature for all compulsory school ages.





All of Sweden's firefighters and chimney sweeps are trained by the Swedish Rescue Services Agency.

Guidance and coordination

The Swedish Rescue Services Agency has supervisory responsibilities in five areas

Coordinated and effective supervision should support societal safety work. Therefore the Swedish Rescue Services Agency has supervisory responsibilities in the following five areas:

- Civil Protection Act
- Transport of Dangerous Goods Act
- Act on Measures to Prevent and Limit the Consequences of Major Chemical Accidents (Seveso Directive)
- Flammables and Explosives Act
- Obligations in accordance with the agreement between the Swedish state and SOS Alarm AB (who run the emergency services switchboards)

The supervisory work includes guidance on supervision matters and operational supervision, which covers:

- The responsibilities of the county administrative boards in accordance with the Civil Protection Act and the Seveso Directive
- Matters concerning flammables and explosives
- The obligatory safety advisors as required by the Transport of Dangerous Goods Act



The Swedish Rescue Services Agency works within several legislative areas connected to our work on emergency prevention.



We issue regulations on, for example, the transport of dangerous goods and how to handle flammables and explosives safely.

Being where we're most needed.

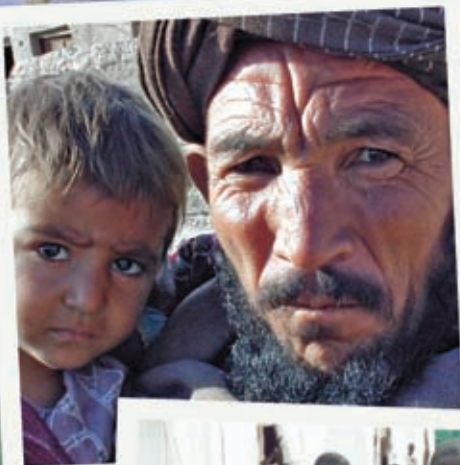
Humanitarian aid missions in over 60 countries since 1988

When it happens, where it happens. The Swedish Rescue Services Agency has the responsibility for maintaining emergency preparedness for overseas humanitarian aid missions, anywhere in the world.

We participate in emergency rescue operations, support missions following disasters or conflicts, reconstruction projects, and civilian mine clearing; and also the development of future protection against emergencies and disasters.

The missions vary – everything from sending equipment and trained personnel to conveying knowledge and expertise. We also support Swedes in distress overseas. The Swedish Rescue Services Agency has, for example:

- Supported the UN and EU with specialists and accommodation in Pakistan, Chad, Indonesia, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sudan
- Despatched mine action specialists to Lebanon and Sudan
- Supported the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in the evacuation from Lebanon of people usually resident in Sweden
- Provided food convoys on the West Bank
- Built bridges in Afghanistan, Angola and Benin
- Despatched rescue teams to earthquake-hit Turkey and Algeria



Most missions are carried out on behalf of the UN. Many of them are financed by Sida.

Monitor our work

Current information
always available at
www.raddningsverket.se

On the Swedish Rescue Services Agency's website you can find the latest news about our work – both at home and overseas. You can also find contact details and can subscribe to newsletters covering a number of subjects.

The website also functions as a service for other authorities. You can order educational material here, and obtain statistics, search in databases and find the latest facts.

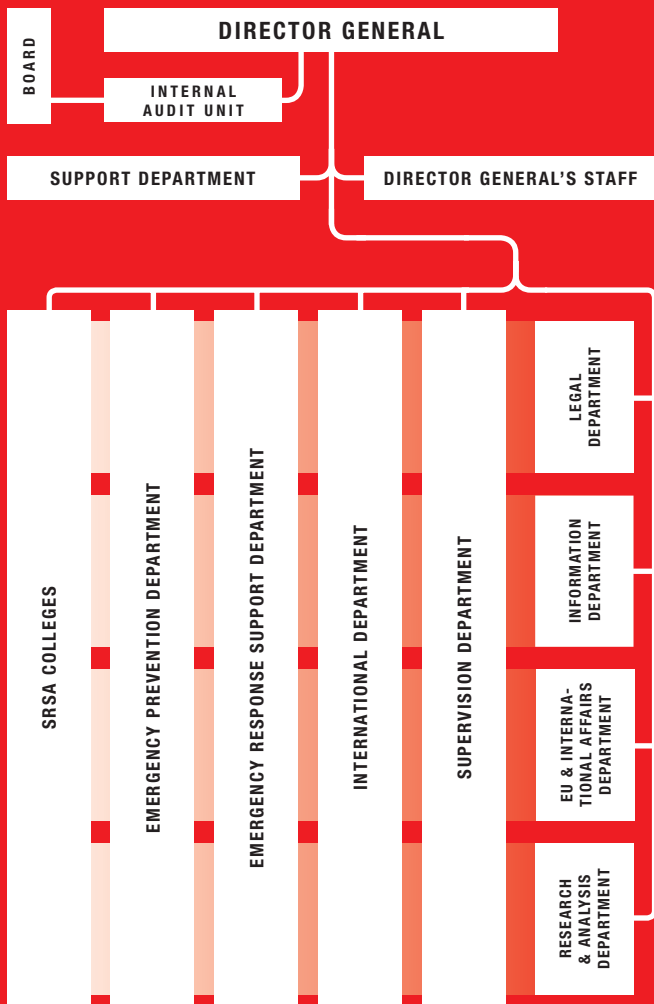


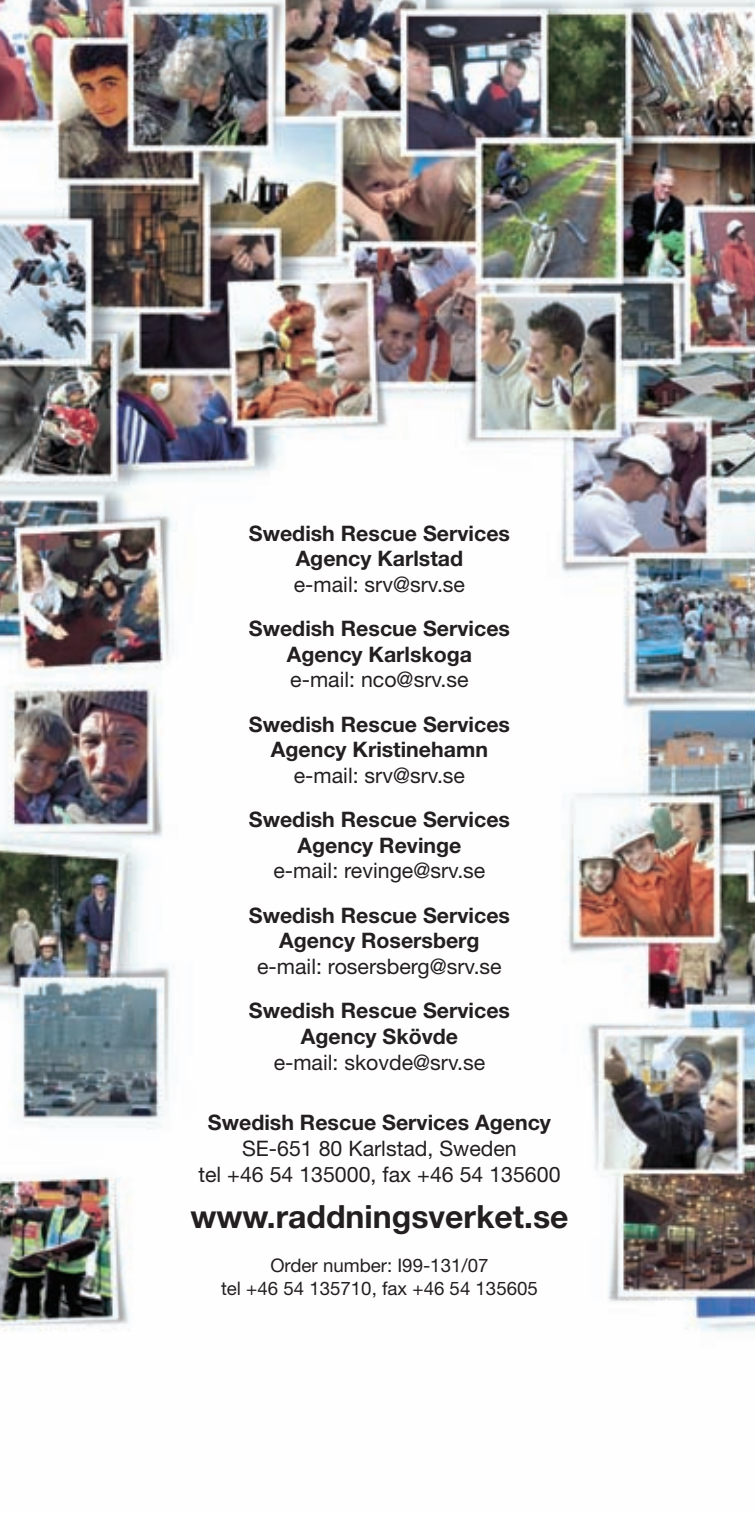




The management and central administration offices for the Swedish Rescue Services Agency are in Karlstad.

The structure of the Swedish Rescue Services Agency





**Swedish Rescue Services
Agency Karlstad**
e-mail: srv@srv.se

**Swedish Rescue Services
Agency Karlskoga**
e-mail: nco@srv.se

**Swedish Rescue Services
Agency Kristinehamn**
e-mail: srv@srv.se

**Swedish Rescue Services
Agency Revinge**
e-mail: revinge@srv.se

**Swedish Rescue Services
Agency Rosersberg**
e-mail: rosersberg@srv.se

**Swedish Rescue Services
Agency Skövde**
e-mail: skovde@srv.se

Swedish Rescue Services Agency
SE-651 80 Karlstad, Sweden
tel +46 54 135000, fax +46 54 135600

www.raddningsverket.se

Order number: 199-131/07
tel +46 54 135710, fax +46 54 135605