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MSB's vision

This newspaper deals with the MSB's international operation. But what type of organisation is it running these operations in? And what does the MSB do in Sweden? The MSB has the opportunity to develop its work both domestically and overseas. The MSB has the possibility of individual public servants to participate in these developments. And the MSB can contribute to these developments by a combination of developments.
"A safer society in a changing world" – that is the MSB’s vision

Accidents and emergencies have no limits. They occur even if we do not want them to. Everyone in society needs therefore to be prepared if something happens, to take the right action when it happens, and to learn lessons from it afterwards.

The MSB works with knowledge-building, support, training, exercises, regulations, supervision and operational work in close collaboration with municipalities, county councils, other agencies, and the private sector and organizations. Our goal is to achieve a safe and functioning society across all societal levels, from the local to the global.

A contagious disease is rampant nationwide. A hurricane sweeps in. The hospital has closed. The electricity is out. The water is contaminated. Bank accounts have been hijacked. Toxic gas is leaking from a factory. We live in a time when society changes quickly. Suddenly, the unexpected happens – and life, health, environment, economic values and public services are threatened. Then, we must know what to do.
PREVENT

We work preventively with others to protect human life and health, property and the environment, as well as vital societal functions. Our role is to support players at all levels of society – the individual, municipalities, the private sector and government agencies – so as to increase their ability to work preventively.

It’s about reducing human suffering and protecting life, property and the environment. In addition, it often costs less to prevent accidents and emergencies than it does to deal with the subsequent consequences of them.
PREPARE

The more prepared we are, the less severe will be the consequences of accidents and emergencies. That is why we practice to become better at managing accidents and emergencies. We also offer training courses and several products and services within the field of civil contingencies, such as, systems for communications and web-based information tools for emergency services personnel.
A crisis that affects a large portion of society may require extensive cooperation between municipalities, businesses and authorities – sometimes also between countries. We never take over anyone else’s area of responsibility – our task is to ensure that those that are responsible coordinate their activities. We also offer expertise.

We are prepared to respond with operations for international emergencies and disasters. We assist during emergencies and disasters overseas via mine and ordnance clearing, water purification and training for earthquake search and rescue personnel.
LEARN

It is important to learn from accidents and emergencies. We create, therefore, the conditions for self-learning among the various societal actors. Safety work in a changing world requires constantly updated, as well as, new knowledge. By monitoring, evaluating and analysing the events and phenomena around us we establish a foundation for decisions and direction. Statistics and data are collated and analysed to provide coordinated reports and assessments. New knowledge is also gained from the research that we initiate and finance.

Through our supervisory work we provide monitoring and support. Another form of support to actors is the grants allocated from the Emergency Preparedness Appropriation. In conclusion, we adopt, feed back and create new knowledge that supports cooperation for a safer society.
Facts about the MSB

• We have about 850 employees
• We are located in Karlstad, Kristinehamn, Ljung, Revinge, Rosersberg, Sandö and Stockholm
• We run training courses in Revinge, Rosersberg and Sandö
• We are a government authority under the Ministry of Defence
• Our director-general is Helena Lindberg

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