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# Denver's not ready for a disaster, says city auditor

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Denver "is not prepared to continue nonemergency, but mission-essential, services in the event of a disaster," says Tim O'Brien, city auditor.

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If the worst happens and Denver is hit by a disaster, the city's not prepared to continue to provide services.

That's according to a report from City Auditor [Tim O'Brien](#), who said the city "is not prepared to continue nonemergency, but mission-essential, services in the event of a disaster."

O'Brien said his audit examined the Office of Emergency Management, Homeland Security, and the Office of Human Resources, and "the audit concluded the city does not have proper planning in place to ensure mission-essential services are up and running after a disaster."

His audit determined that five city agencies out of 69 have no continuity of operations plan, three others haven't reviewed their plan in 16 years, and a total of 29 agencies didn't review their plans this year. There's also no training to provide agencies on how to write a plan.

"The Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security needs to set a tone at the top to encourage all agencies to make sure they are ready to keep working no matter what happens," O'Brien [said in a statement](#).

And is Denver at risk of being hit by a disaster?

According to [Attom Data Solutions](#) of California, [Denver County is ranked as a "very high risk"](#) for "all natural hazards."