

**VIPlanning Offers Innovative Solutions**

# Building Sustainable Emergency Preparedness

Is it time to convert your paper-based site assessments into HTML?

Are you tired of updating paper-based site assessments plans? Looking for a solution that doesn't require two advanced computer degrees to use? Are you ready to convert your paper-based campus site assessment into HTML?

Because VIPlanning® Software is all you need to create HTML site assessments and preplans; you don't have to purchase, learn or integrate additional software.

The features you will find in your VIPlanning® Software fully integrated tool box are:

**Navigation Tools**

With our navigation feature you can quickly create your plan's outline / navigational bar and immediately begin building HTML pages using simple techniques like drag and drop. Our building block approach makes plan development and updates simple and fast.

**Indexing Tools**

All pages are automatically indexed by this feature. You can also augment standard indexing by providing keywords for text, pictures, aerials, site or floor plans, etc.

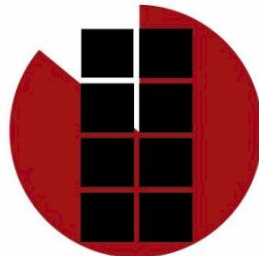
**Importing Tools**

Our import feature scales images to easily fit on a page and automatically creates thumbnail images you use in page creation. By importing floor plans, site plans, flat digital photos or 360 movies, VIPlanning® Software provides a rich pictorial environment to enhance your data and for developing virtual tours of any facility or location.

**Be Ready Before Disaster Strikes**

Call today to Learn How You Can Convert your Site Assessments to HTML with VIPlanning® Software

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**Annotation Tool**

With the annotation feature you can annotate floor or site plans, aerials and digital photos by adding graphics, text blocks and hot spot links.

**Text Management Tool**

The text management feature is a mini word-processor that allows you to enter and format text, add lists or tables, apply styles and

even paste text from external documents.

**Linking Tool**

The linking feature allows information created and maintained in one place to be propagated to other designated places.

**Data Tool**

With the data feature, you can define a data store, enter information into that store and then include that information in your plan in a tabular format.

VIPlanning® Software assures that building and maintaining your HTML site assessments or preplans is quick and easy and sustainable.

Call today to schedule an online DEMO of VIPlanning® Software and Online Services 425. 881.1945.

It's time to be ready to respond.

**VIPlanning® Software Benefits:**

- Easy Learning Curve
- Easy to Use
- Assures Uniformity
- Provides Rich Visual Environment
- Client Owns Data
- Client Manages Updates
- Client Can Easily Use HTML Plans for Trainings and Drills

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## California Private School Converts Site Assessment Into HTML

Testimonial by  
Cindy Rodenbaugh  
Safety Coordinator  
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California



✓ **Site plans** (evacuation routes, staging areas, utility shut-offs, etc.)

✓ **Maps and floor plans** (classroom, office space, common areas, janitorial closets, outside spaces, and aerials)

"The benefits using VIPlanning® Software are really endless.

With VIPlanning® Software loaded on our school server, it gives Sonoma Country Day School the ability to easily maintain and update our campus site assessment informational and structural changes and train our staff in various emergency response situations.

We have provided our first responders with critical data such as:

✓ **Utility connections** (including photographs and directions for all shut-offs)

✓ **Material Safety Data Sheets** (MSDS) information

✓ **Emergency response protocols** (Emergency Operations Plan)

Our school intends to use VIPlanning® Software & Online Services not only to aid our first responders, but also to keep our teachers and staff trained on our emergency protocols.

Our emergency team also plans to use VIPlanning® Online Collaboration and Drills to support our trainings and exercises.

# Using VIPlanning® Software is simple, visual and fast

**VIPlanning® Software** was developed especially to organize, support and provide easy access to emergency preparedness data and plans.

Organizations, large or small, public or private, are using our software and online services to improve their emergency management crisis planning, training and response efforts.

VIPlanning® Software provides a detailed visual tour of your facility using site and floor plans with links to digital photos and 360 movies. It can also include documents, aerial images, contact information (data) and more.

## Easy to Learn

School Districts and County Agencies are quickly discovering how easy it is learn to use VIPlanning® Software and how simple it is to update their finished plans.

Our easy-to-learn editor program features:

- Drag and drop techniques
- Uniform layout and screen presentations
- Direct navigational tools
- Simple indexes

## Assures Uniformity

VIPlanning® Software assures uniformity no matter how many people are tasked with supporting your emergency planning process.

## **VIPlanning® Software Is Being used in Nevada Schools**

*Chief of Police Mike Mieras  
Washoe County School District (NV)*

"When emergency responders arrive at a school, they are often unfamiliar with the layout of the building. Having the information created with VIPlanning® Software at their fingertips will save precious time and allow them to do their job better and faster. Without doubt, this new technology could end up saving lives and protecting property within our District."

## You Control Updates

One of the impressive qualities of VIPlanning® Software, is that each county, agency or school district owns and controls its data. This control also helps with scheduling annual updates, exercises and drills.

## Update Quickly

Making changes is as fast as a keystroke with VIPlanning® Software. Critical Information can be updated or propagated in minutes not days.

## Controlled Access

Central security management and control ensures data (the finished HTML Plan) is shared only among those who "need to know," including police, fire and designated personnel.

Finished plans can easily be posted on secure Internet or Intranet sites, or distributed to first responders on a CD-ROM, DVD or Flash Drive.

It is time to bring your emergency plans and preplans out of the dark ages of three-ring binders and into the virtual world of emergency management.

Visual Imagry's team is dedicated to the development of high quality, easy to use HTML site assessment / pre-plan software that is user friendly, visual and fast.

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## **Preplans Are Being Updated from 3-Ring Binders to HTML**

### **What is a preplan?**

A preplan is considered to be a detailed assortment of critical information about your facility that is assembled as part of the pre-incident planning process. A preplan may also be used during training exercises, assessment activities and for updating visual and written records of changes that occur at a site.

### **What is contained in a preplan?**

Businesses that have hazardous materials on site are required to file a preplan with the city or county fire department. These preplans have usually been assembled in three-ring binders containing such vital information such as: plot plans, site plans, emergency contact information, photographs, material safety data sheets and other site specific information that can be used by first responders during an emergency.

### **What is a problem with paper-based preplans?**

One problem with three-ring binder preplans is they are difficult to keep current. Also, if a page or section of the preplan is removed, vital information is not accessible. As a master preplan changes, someone must be responsible for updating all other copies of the preplan. This is extremely time consuming when in paper form.

### **When did preplans begin to be converted to HTML?**

In the late 1990's a few innovative

individuals began converting preplans contained in three-ring binders into computer-based HTML preplans that could be stored on a single CD-ROM.

Their first preplans were created using HTML (hypertext markup language) or by using off-the-shelf computer design programs. The HTML is used to create preplan "sites" that can incorporate text, graphics, sound, video, and hyperlinks that can be viewed from a CD-ROM, Internet or Intranet access.

These "preplan sites" were created one page at a time and require extensive training and practice before any person could develop enough skill to design a finished HTML preplan.

### **Is there Software Design Especially for Creating HTML Preplans?**

In 1998 the software developers at Visual Imagry, Inc. released an HTML based program called Visual Incident Planning that has evolved into VIPlanning® Software.

### **How are HTML Preplans Being Used Today?**

Preplans created today are often called "virtual tours" of a facility. These completed HTML preplans allow staff and/or first responders (police, firefighters, emergency medical staff, etc.) efficient access to various kinds of information they might require for emergency planning, exercising, responding or recovery efforts.

# Bring your Emergency Planning into the world of HTML with VIPlanning® Software

Take the Emergency Planning Quiz and see how you score.

Select: True or False for each question

## 1. Site Assessments and preplans are a necessity but are

- True/ False a. too hard and expensive to create and maintain.
- True/ False b. too time and resource consuming.
- True/ False c. take time and money way from real objectives.
- True/ False d. too cumbersome to be of much use in an emergency.
- True/ False e. too inflexible to meet challenging and changing needs.
- True/ False f. only useful for big disasters that are unlikely.

## 2. Are you

- True/ False a. tired of updating static and cumbersome paper-based site assessments?
- True/ False b. looking for a solution that does not require two advanced computer degrees, just a day or two to learn?
- True/ False c. ready to spend more time on plan content and less on plan formatting?
- True/ False d. looking for a way to have critical data organized and at your fingertips?
- True/ False e. wondering what use data is if you can't find it when you need it?

If you answered yes to most or all of the above, you are ready for VIPlanning® Software data rich software.

With VIPlanning® Software your plans will be:

**Easy and quick to build** because of

- Easy to learn editor program (only 1-3 days of training)
- Standardized templates, uniform layout and screen presentation
- Direct, logical navigation tools
- Built in organizational structure
- Linkage system that eliminates redundancy

**Easy to update and maintain** because

- You own and control your data
- The editor program allows for specific or linked updates or changes

**Rich in content** because its HTML base allows for vast quantities and types of

- Visual data (Floor and Site Plans, Aerials, Photos & 360 movies )
- Textual data
- Linked information and data

**Flexible content** because from the many possibilities, you choose

- Types of data
- Quantity of data

**Versatile in function** - it is excellent for

- Emergency Planning & Site Assessments
- Exercises
- Response
- Recovery

**Quick and Easy to Use**

- Data access is so easy and logical, very little familiarity is necessary
- Standardized pages make uniform navigation
- Indexes and hotlinks allow for quick access data

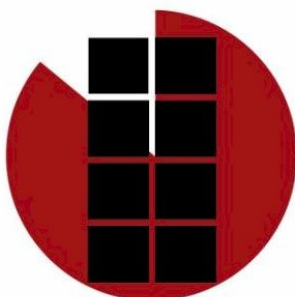
**Easy to Share**

- HTML is easy to access and use
- Access with Intranet or secure Internet site
- Distributed on CD, DVD or Flash-Drive

**Useful to all members of emergency teams**

- Software organizes the level and kinds of data many different specialist require for planning or response
- Information and data is accurate and timely because it is so simple to update

Whether you are a public agency or private company,



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has the power,  
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accessibility to meet  
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Developed by Visual Imagry, Inc.  
Redmond, WA

# Why do school administrators, teachers and staff need to become involved in emergency planning?

## 7 reasons administrators must

Become proactive in emergency preparedness after their emergency plans have been written.

1. It is unrealistic to expect first responders to be familiar with every school and building in their district.
2. School personnel are the best people to begin preliminary planning, interface with first responders, develop policies and procedures, and then test their plans.
3. School Administrators know their teachers, students, parents, physical plants and the unique characteristics of each and can provide guidance for emergency planners.
4. In working on a site assessment with first responders, school administrators can gain knowledge, insight and the skills necessary to assist in emergency management, while enhancing team building.
5. A community crisis may be of such scope that first responders are unable to respond directly to a school for minutes or hours. In those first crucial moments and hours, practiced procedures can save lives and property.
6. By becoming part of the School Emergency Site Assessment process, key school personnel will realize why it is vital that time is invested in updating each school's emergency plan and preplan.
7. A superintendent that takes emergency preparedness seriously, can always expect school administrators and teachers to become involved. Adding emergency preparedness to a school district's objectives can assure that everyone is working to building a solid foundation for emergency planning, training and response.

## 5 steps required for creating your school's site assessments?

1. **Assessment**  
During the assessment process, a school's design, infrastructure, and existing response plans are reviewed and strengths and weaknesses identified.
2. **Prevention / Mitigation**  
Once the infrastructure or building/system hazards are identified mitigation can be planned and instituted.
3. **Preparedness**  
The third step requires getting everyone else onboard. Defining and hosting routine emergency preparedness meetings is an excellent time to coordinate plan updates, drills, exercises and other emergency preparedness activities.
4. **Response**  
Existing preplans can be used in tabletop exercises or drills to determine how a "real" incident might be managed. When there is an emergency incident, an accessible and rehearsed emergency plan offers tactical advantages that can save crucial minutes, lives, and property. Site Assessments created in HTML can be used to access campus facility information quickly.
5. **Recovery**  
After any emergency incident, getting students and teachers back to the business of learning is the goal of any comprehensive emergency plan.

## Be Prepared Be Ready

VIPlanning® Software has been used to convert static, paper-based site assessments and preplans into accessible, responsive and portable HTML plans ensuring vital information is at your fingertips when administrators and first responders need it most.

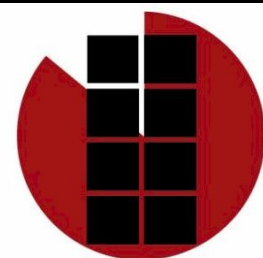
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U.S. Department of Education

## Be Prepared – Be Ready – Be Responsible

The U.S. Department of Education proclaims school emergency planning, preparedness and trainings is a national priority. It isn't enough to teach America's youth the three "Rs" anymore. Without an emergency preplan and response plan to be prepared for the unexpected, a district is vulnerable and so are its students, teachers and staff.