



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

**2009 Wisconsin Act 43**  
[2009 Assembly Bill 319]

**Regional Structural Collapse Teams**

2009 Wisconsin Act 43 resulted from enactment of 2009 Assembly Bill 319. That bill was introduced by the Joint Legislative Council based on the recommendations of the Special Committee on Emergency Management and Continuity of Government. More information about the Special Committee is available at the Legislative Council's Web site (<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc>) under study committees for the 2008 interim period.

Act 43 puts in place statutes governing regional teams established to respond to structural collapse emergencies. The Act directs the Division of Emergency Management ("division") to contract with local agencies to establish no more than four regional structural collapse teams.

The Act provides that a team that responds to a structural collapse incident must make a good faith effort to identify the person responsible for the collapse and provide that information to the division. The division collects money from the responsible person and reimburses the team for costs incurred in responding to the incident. Reimbursement is limited to the amount of money collected by the division from a responsible person.

**Effective date:** Act 43 takes effect on October 21, 2009.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.