



## Fatalism as a risk factor

Fatalism at first appears to be a belief system that has only the worst consequences for those who hold it. A fatalistic person tends to view the disaster process as inevitable, unavoidable and/or deserved and there is usually a link to spirituality. They may believe that people are powerless against nature, that natural processes should be respected and accepted. As a result, they are less likely to adopt survival behaviours in response to a disaster.

### Applicable to:

Stakeholders: [Worldviews](#), [Attitudes toward environmental issues](#)

Disaster Phases: [Response](#)

Types of Actors Concerned: [Non-active citizens](#)

Hazards: [Natural hazards](#), [Man-made non-intentional hazards or emergency situations](#)

### Recommendations:

- [Develop risk assessments methodologies, which consider cultural factors, the manner in which people cognitively process information and which employ a gender perspective](#)

### Source

[Deliverable D7.3 "Report on cultural factors and citizen empowerment" \(page 42\)](#)

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