

**Student-oriented disaster preparedness:
“Federal Urban Search and Rescue (USAR)”**

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Lecture objectives:

- Describe the Federal Urban Search and Rescue mission
- Describe the collapsed structure environment
- Outline the concept of operations for Urban Search and Rescue
- Describe the health and medical implications

Dr. Macintyre recommended the following resources for students interested in learning more about USAR:

- FEMA’s information on Urban Search and Rescue: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/usr/index.shtm>
- Barbera J, Macintyre AG. Urban Search and Rescue. Emerg Med Clinics of North America. May, 1996; 14(2): 399-412. <http://home.mdconsult.com/das/clinics/view/640466622/N/723352?ja=54211&PAGE=1.html>
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