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This important book assesses the current state of disaster management in archives, libraries and museums in the UK and around the world, and provides recommendations for addressing current and future threats.

Following an introductory outline of the topic and terminology, the authors provide a short history of the development of disaster management in the cultural heritage sector. They illustrate a basic framework for effective disaster management by reviewing disaster control plan practice from around the world. Through examining and identifying the key issues affecting disaster management in archives, libraries and museums, the authors discuss a priority structure for future implementation.

This book will be key reading for scholars and students of archive studies, library and information and museum management. It will also be extremely useful for professionals and policy makers involved in disaster management planning at a local and national level.

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Preface; The research project and disaster management: introduction; Disaster management and archives, libraries and museums: context; The situation in the United Kingdom: overview; The worldwide situation: overview; The disaster control plan; Findings: key themes; Planning for the future; Sources of information; Index.

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