

Disasters

Nearly every day, a disaster happens somewhere in the world. Such an awful event is usually caused by nature, such as floods, earthquakes or volcanic eruptions. These disasters often claim victims.

On Boxing Day 2004, more than 150 000 people were killed in a tsunami in Asia.

In 2001, for example, more than 25 000 people were killed in natural disasters. In that year, natural catastrophes costed € 80 billion.



People can also be responsible for disasters. We often read about leaking oil tankers, massive forest fires or the (enhanced) greenhouse effect. This chapter describes and explains various types of disasters.

