



State of Emergency vs. Stay at Home Order

What is an Executive Order?

An Executive Order allows the President or a Governor to issue one or more of the following:

- 1. General Policy Statements.** An executive order may be a general policy statement made by the Governor. A policy statement does not have the force and effect of law. The purpose of such an order is to persuade or encourage persons, both within and without government, to accomplish the Governor's policy set out in the order.
- 2. Directives.** An executive order may be a directive from the Governor to state agencies, (like Department of Health and Human Services) communicating to those agencies what the Governor wants the agency to accomplish. A directive does not have the force and effect of law. However, compliance by state agency heads (commissioners) who serve at the pleasure of the Governor is normally expected. If such an agency head does not comply with the Governor's policy enunciated in the order, the Governor may decide to remove the agency head from office. (Very Rare)
- 3. Operative Effect.** An executive order issued by the Governor may require that certain actions be taken. Such an order has the force and effect of law and serves as a source of authority for actions taken in response to the order.

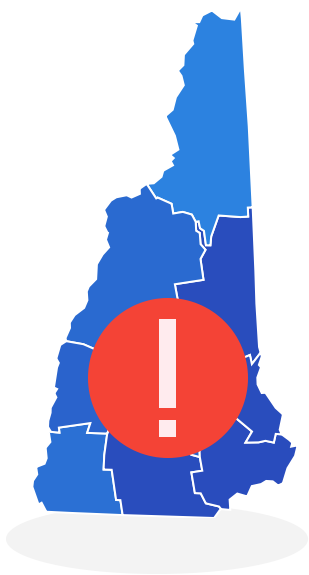


What is a State of Emergency?

A State of Emergency is a situation in which a government is empowered to perform actions or implement policies that it would normally not occur. A government can declare such a state, utilizing an Operative Effective Executive Order, during a natural disaster, civil unrest, armed conflict, medical pandemic or epidemic or other bio-security risk. Such declarations alert citizens to change their normal behavior and orders government agencies to implement emergency plans.

What is an Emergency Order?

An Emergency Order is an Operative Effect Executive Order issued only during a State of Emergency declaration and has the effect and force of law.



How is the Stay at Home Order different than the State of Emergency?

The Stay at Home Order is an Emergency Order based on the Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency.

A State of Emergency is the acknowledgment of a crisis, where as an Emergency Order provides guidance in response to the crisis.

The Stay at Home Order (an Emergency Order) is a limitation on non essential activities in the community as defined by the emergency order.

During this Stay At Home Order it is important to remember that Community Bridges is considered an essential business.



For more information or to view the Emergency Orders under the State of Emergency Declaration, please visit:
<https://www.governor.nh.gov/news-media/emergency-orders/>

