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## The Sequence of Events Associated with a Failure of Foresight

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*STAGE I*

**Notionally normal starting point:**

- (a) Initial culturally accepted beliefs about the world and its hazards
  - (b) Associated precautionary norms set out in laws, codes of practice, mores, and folkways
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*STAGE II*

**Incubation period:**

The accumulation of an unnoticed set of events which are at odds with the accepted beliefs about hazards and the norms for their avoidance

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*STAGE III*

**Precipitating event:**

Forces itself to the attention and transforms general perceptions of Stage II

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*STAGE IV*

**Onset:**

The immediate consequences of the collapse of cultural precautions become apparent

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*STAGE V*

**Rescue and salvage - first stage adjustment:**

The immediate postcollapse situation is recognized in ad hoc adjustments which permit the work of rescue and salvage to be started

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*STAGE VI*

**Full cultural readjustment:**

An inquiry or assessment is carried out, and beliefs and precautionary norms are adjusted to fit the newly gained understanding of the world

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