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- This document provides active hyperlinks to key resources in Emergency Legal Preparedness developed by attorneys/staff via the Network for Public Health Law.
- Resources are categorized into 12 diverse topic areas listed on the first page of this document (and subsequent pages for each specific topic). Some resources may be listed more than once.
- Contents are organized chronologically by their date of production and include: tables, issue briefs, articles, memos, model laws/memos, blogs, primers, presentations, and fact sheets.
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