

Natural Hazards

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Arguably, natural hazards are responsible for more preventable deaths than man-made hazards. However, the distinction between the two is often rather blurry. We will start by going through a worked example, trying to understand why the incidence of skin cancer has increased so rapidly in recent years. Is it perhaps because of depletion of the ozone layer? Something else?

We will also discuss natural disasters (floods, earthquakes, etc), and discuss why it is that they seem to hit the developing countries so much more than, say, the USA.

It is to be hoped that the informed listener/reader will be able to realistically assess the causes of the “epidemic” of skin cancers.