

BOARD BANTER



Emergency Support Services

Emergency Support Services (ESS) is a provincial program for local authorities and Indigenous governments to deliver services to the public in an emergency.

ESS teams consist of volunteers ready to be deployed to an emergency event when called upon.

There are nine ESS teams and over 120 trained volunteers throughout our region.

Residents are able to pre-register for ESS at <https://ess.gov.bc.ca/> but still need to connect with an ESS volunteer to be given support.

Emergency Preparedness Week

May 7 - 13, 2023

Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is a national event supported by Public Safety Canada, working closely with provincial and territorial emergency management organizations, Indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations, and private sector organizations who support activities at the local level. An annual event for over 25 years, it traditionally takes place during the first full week of May.

This year the theme is "Be Prepared. Know your Risks." The intent of the theme is to encourage Canadians to understand the risks in their area and learn what actions they can take to protect themselves and their families.

What's in a basic emergency kit?

- Water (2 litres per person per day)
- Food that won't spoil
- Manual can opener
- Battery powered flashlight
- Battery powered radio
- First aid kit
- Extra keys to your car and house
- Some cash in small bills
- Copy of your emergency plan
- Medications
- Pet food
- Infant formula



STAGES OF EVACUATION

EVACUATION ALERT

Be ready to leave on short notice.

EVACUATION ORDER

You are at risk. Leave the area **immediately**.

EVACUATION RESCINDED

All is safe and you can return home.

ESS Volunteer responsibilities may include:

- Identifying locations for reception centres and group lodging to house and feed people forced from their homes
- Providing information about the crisis
- Working with local businesses, service organizations and government agencies
- Coordinating the provision of food, clothing and lodging
- Emotional support
- Pet care
- Transportation
- Family reunification

For more information, contact:

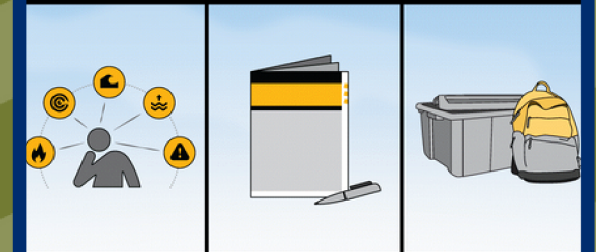
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Get prepared



Know
your hazards

Make
your plan

Gather
your supplies