

Planning and Preparedness for High-Risk Communities

- Identify Emergency Resource Information** prior to an evacuation, if applicable. Listen to the radio or television for information from authorities.
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 - City of Penticton Emergency Reception Centre, located at 325 Power Street – contact number (250)490-2345.

- Have a Household Plan** – have two ways out of every room. Have a family meeting place. Do not use elevators. In the event of an evacuation, know the escape route from the neighbourhood.

- Important Documents** – have copies made of birth/marriage certificates, passports, licenses, wills, land deeds and insurance. Keep a copy of them outside of the home. Put them in a safety deposit box or give them to a close friend or family member.

- Plan for Children** – If children are in Daycare or school, find out how they will communicate with families during an emergency. Choose a designate to pick up children if you not able to pick them up yourself. Update contact information including parents, caregivers and designates.

- People with Special Needs** – Write down medical information including family history, allergies, medication (enough for approximately two weeks), emergency contacts, insurance information. Extra eyeglasses, hearing aids, footwear with special orthotics. Take required equipment, if any. Consider “Service Dogs.”

- Pets/Livestock** – Identify “pet friendly” accommodation/resources in advance in case evacuated. Not all public shelters or hotels may take pets. Have food and water in your emergency kit. If you have large animals (horses/cows) consider removing animals from the area during an evacuation alert if issued.

- Emergency Contact Information** – Keep your information current and updated. Have emergency contact information on hand. Plan for each family member to call or e-mail an out of town contact person in case of emergency, they may not be affected by the same emergency. When disaster strikes your family may not be together. Plan how to meet or contact one another.

- Basic Emergency Kit** – Water, food that won't spoil such as canned goods, energy bars, dried foods, manual can-opener, Flashlight, batteries, candles/matches, small first-aid kit, medications, a whistle (to attract attention, if required), extra keys for your house and vehicle (fully fueled). A change of clothing, toilet paper, cash in small bills, change (payphone if needed), and contact information. Prepare an easy to carry Emergency Kit, sufficient for at least 72 hours. Make sure that everyone in the household knows where it is.