

**Community Powered Emergency Preparedness** 

Everyday readiness for every person, every business, every organization.



### Four Steps to Emergency Preparedness

#### 1. Know your risks

2. Make a plan

3. Get your kit together

4.Get connected



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### 1. Know your risks



- Frequency vs. impact everyday emergencies to long term stressors
- All hazard approach <u>Emergency Plan</u>
- Where you live
  - <u>Tsunami Hazard Zone Map (arcgis.com)</u>
  - <u>Citywide-Seismic-Vulnerabilities-Assessment.pdf</u>
    <u>(victoria.ca)</u>
- Personal assets and risk factors





### 2. Make a plan



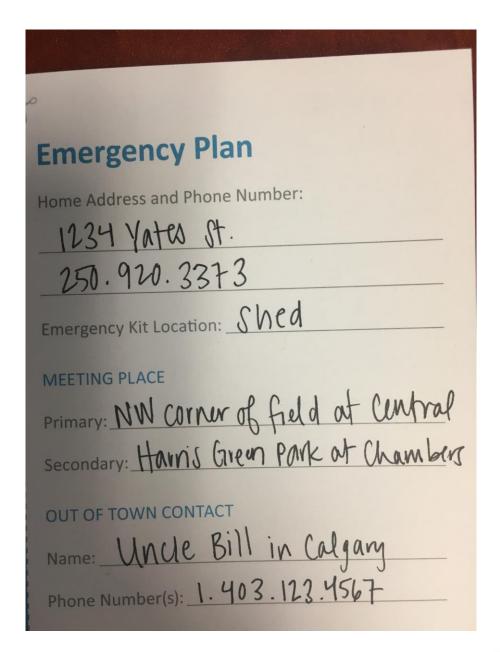
Following a disaster your safety, health, comfort, and general well-being may be entirely in your hands.

Complete the plan templates in module 5 of this book:

<u>A Guide to Emergency Preparedness in the Capital</u> <u>Region</u> (PDF)

These templates include plans such as: Family Reunification and safety plan, Special considerations plan/checklist. Re-entry inspection checklist, etc.

Listen to the radio, go online for updates; only use
 911 in an emergency





# 3. Get your kit(s) together



- Having essential supplies handy in an emergency is a vital part of preparedness.
- Prepare a "home / shelter in place kit" that will support you and your family for a minimum of 7 days!
- Have different kits for work, school, vehicle, pets, children, etc. tailored to your unique needs.
- Remember to check expiry dates and update kits as needed!





### TIPS

- Communication
- Does everyone in your household know where the emergency supplies are?
- Insurance
- Know where and how to turn off utilities. Tools required?
- Toilets and sewage
- Take time and put thought into your preparations





### 4. Get connected

- In a major emergency, your neighbours are often your first responders
- More connected communities are more resilient and recover more quickly from emergencies
- For COVID-safe ways to connect with your neighbours visit: ResilientNeighbourhoods.ca



urvivors leave Tohoku a day after the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami. // Warren Antiola/Flickr

#### In Disaster Recovery, Social Networks Matter More Than Bottled Water and Batteries

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## Sign up for Vic-Alert powered by Alertable

- Register to receive emergency alerts
  from the City of Victoria
- Recommend the Alertable App
- Can also register to receive alerts to landline, text message, email, and home speaker
- Different than Alert Ready Provincial system





### **Stay Informed**

#### For emergency updates follow:

City of Victoria on Twitter: @CityOfVictoria City of Victoria on Facebook: CityofVictoriaPage Province of BC on Twitter: @EmergencyInfoBC

For helpful emergency preparedness tips follow: VictoriaReady on Twitter: @VictoriaReady01 VictoriaReady on Facebook: VictoriaReady Regional Preparedness: @PrepareCRD Province of BC on Twitter: @PreparedBC





#### Check out these short videos on tips for everyday readiness

### Great start, keep going!

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### Thank you!

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