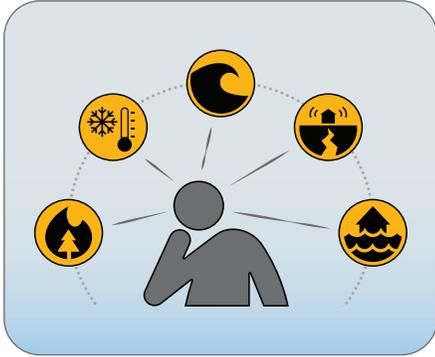


# Home Emergency Plan

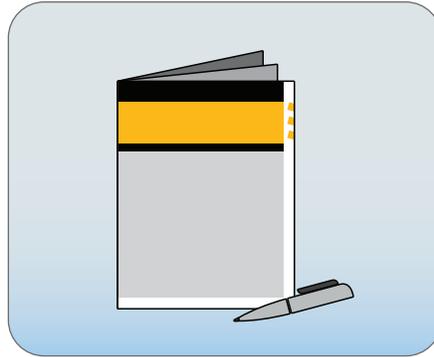


# Emergency preparedness

There are three steps to getting prepared for emergencies:



1. Know your hazards



2. Make your plan



3. Gather your supplies

A home emergency plan says how you and the people you live with will respond during an emergency. Knowing what to do, where to go and who to contact will reduce stress and help keep you focused and safe.

Everyone you live with may not be together when an emergency happens. It's important to practice your plan so you know how to connect with each other during an emergency.



Review and update your plan yearly, or if there is a change in your situation, such as a different job or school, getting a pet or moving to a new town.

## Where to keep your plan

Keep your completed home emergency plan with your emergency kit, so you know exactly where to find it.

Make copies to include in each person's grab-and-go bag. Make digital copies to keep with you in case the physical copy is lost.

To complete your home emergency plan online, visit [PreparedBC.ca/EmergencyReady](https://PreparedBC.ca/EmergencyReady)

# Home emergency plan

## Hazards to prepare for

List the hazards that are most likely to happen where you live.

Check the hazard map at [PreparedBC.ca/hazards](http://PreparedBC.ca/hazards)

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My home address is 

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The people living at my home are 

List contact information of everyone you live with.

Name	Phone	Email
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### Local emergency services

If you need immediate assistance from the police, fire or ambulance call 9-1-1. Only call 9-1-1 when immediate action is required, such as someone's health or safety is in danger.

If you live in an area where 9-1-1 is not available, list your local emergency number(s) below:

	Police	_____
	Fire	_____
	Ambulance	_____

### Local community information

It's important to know where to get credible information during an emergency so you know what to do.



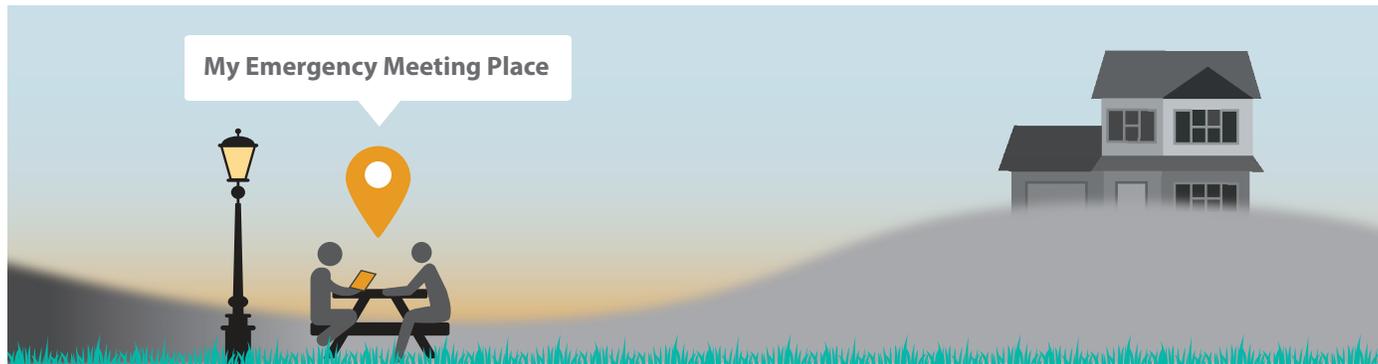
Contact your community's Emergency Management Program to find out how they will share alerts and instructions during an emergency, whether it's by social media, mobile alerts, sirens, radio or television.

Check out [CivicInfo.bc.ca/municipalities](http://CivicInfo.bc.ca/municipalities) to find your community's contact.

Name	Website/Social media/Radio	Email and phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Additionally, we recommend following @EmergencyInfoBC on X or at [EmergencyInfoBC.ca](http://EmergencyInfoBC.ca)

## Home emergency plan



### Emergency meeting places

The people you live with may not be together following an emergency. Make it easier to find each other by choosing emergency meeting places ahead of time.

#### Emergency meeting place near my home



Like a big tree, a nearby hill, a mailbox, community centre or your neighbour's home.

#### My emergency meeting place near home is

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#### Emergency meeting place away from home



Like a community building, a park, your favourite restaurant or a friend's home.

#### My emergency meeting place away from home is



**TIP:** During an emergency, phone lines may not work but you may be able to communicate using social media or text messages. Consider setting up a private group on social media platforms like WhatsApp or Facebook Messenger to stay in touch with loved ones. Pre-arrange this group so everyone knows where to turn for information and support during an emergency.

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### Emergency contact(s) nearby



Choose someone who lives in your community, who you know well and who you trust.

Include their information in your cellphone and let the person know they are your emergency contact.

Name	City/Province	Phone and Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### Out-of-area contact(s)

This person should live far enough away that they won't be going through the same emergency as you at the same time. That way, if local communications networks are not working, this person can help pass messages between everyone you live with.



Include their information in your cellphone and let the person know they are your emergency contact.

Name	City/Province	Phone and Email
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## Home emergency plan

### School-aged children



List the contact information for each school attended by children in your home, including pre-schools and after-school programs. Check with your child(ren)'s school about how they will communicate during an emergency.

Child	School	Address	Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

### Pick up from school



In case you are unable to pick up students from school, ask a friend or family member to fill this role. Choose someone who lives close to the school and is likely to be at home during the day.

Check with the school to see what type of authorization they require to release your child(ren) to a designated person. Make sure your child knows who you've added to this list.

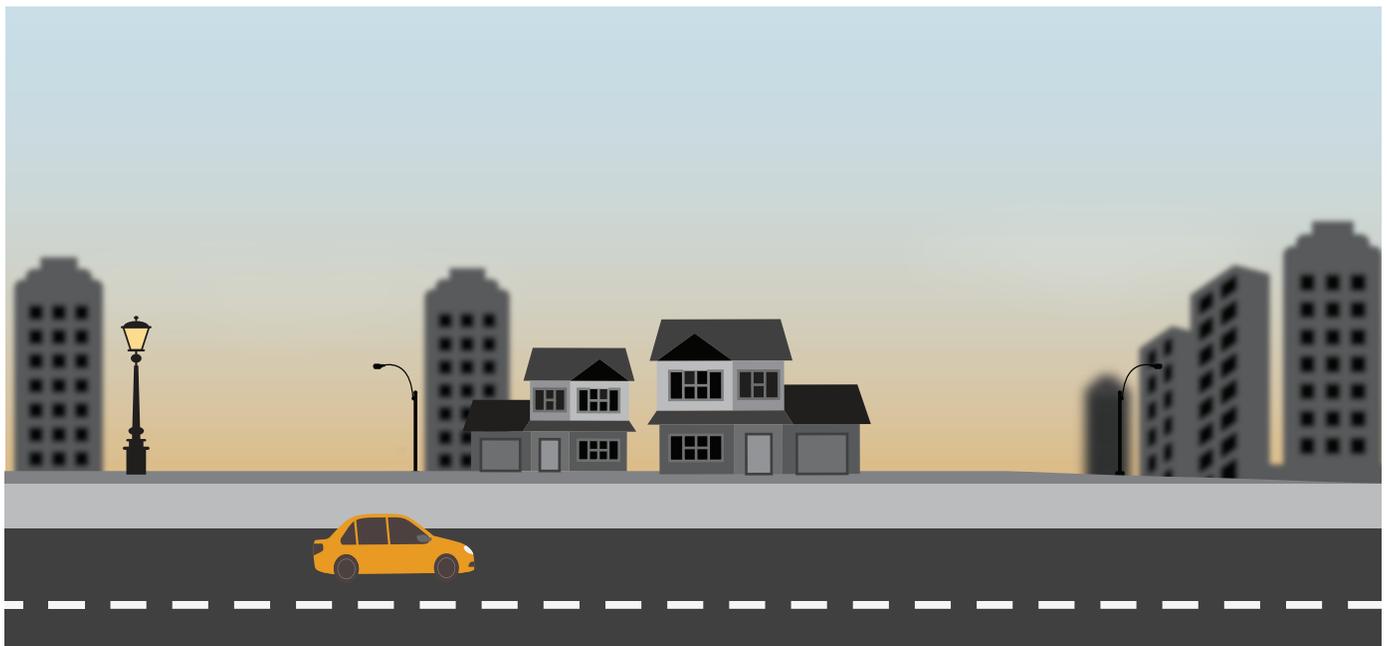
Name	Address	Phone	Email
_____	_____	_____	_____
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### Workplace, school and volunteering information



Emergencies can happen anytime, including during work, school or volunteering. List the contact details of everyone you live with who are away from home regularly.

Name of person	Organization/School	Address	Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
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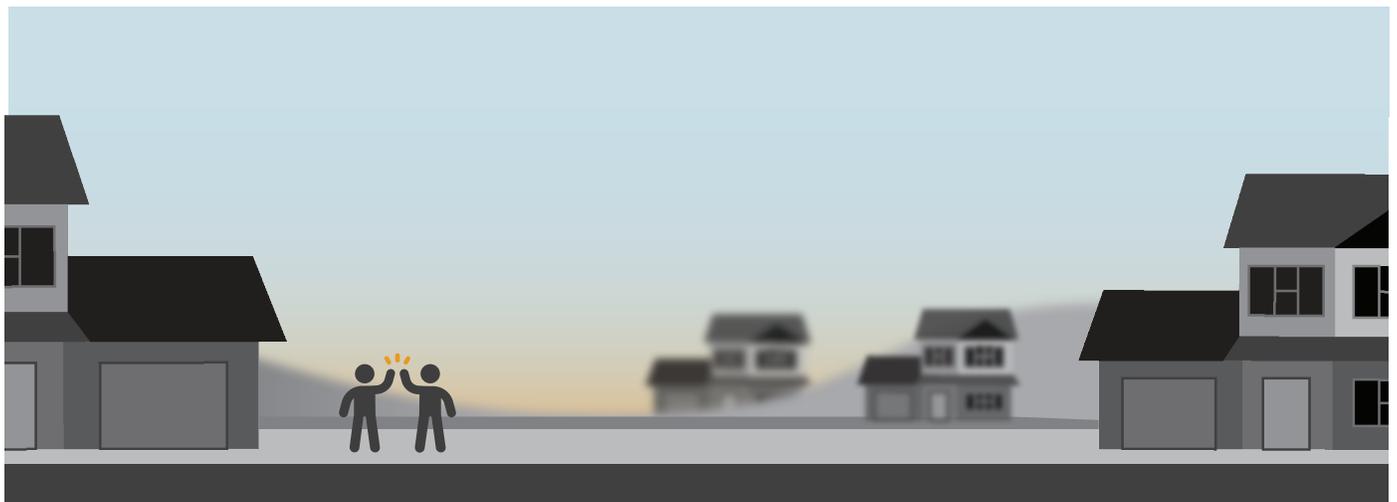
## Neighbours' contact information



During an emergency, the most immediate help will come from those around you — your neighbours. Connecting and building relationships with them will mean a better response.

List their contact information here and discuss what skills or resources they have that might be of use in an emergency, such as first-aid training.

Name	Email	Phone	Skills/Resources
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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### Health information

List the Personal Health Number and medical needs, like medications or medical conditions, of everyone you live with.

If you take prescription medication(s), talk to your doctor or pharmacist about keeping an extra supply in your emergency kit and grab-and-go bags.

Name	Personal Health Number	Medical needs/Prescription
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**Extra notes** (e.g., write the expiration dates of your medications in your emergency kit)



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## Home emergency plan

### Healthcare providers



List the contact information of your healthcare providers, such as a doctor or a pharmacist.

Name	Role	Phone	Address
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



**TIP:** If you or someone you live with has physical, medical, sensory or cognitive disabilities, or require(s) extra assistance, make sure to establish a support network of friends, neighbours and healthcare providers who understand their special needs.





### Insurance providers

All homeowners and renters are strongly encouraged to get insurance. Insurance is one of the best ways people can protect their home in the event of an emergency.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada ([ibc.ca](http://ibc.ca)) can assist people that are having difficulties finding coverage by assessing their situation and providing options.

Home insurance provider	Policy Number	Phone and Email	
_____	_____	_____	
Vehicle insurance provider	Policy Number	Phone and Email	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	
Life insurance provider	Policy Number	Phone and Email	
_____	_____	_____	
_____	_____	_____	

## Utilities and landlords



### Electricity provider

Name

Phone

Email

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### Water provider

Name

Phone

Email

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### Natural gas provider

Name

Phone

Email

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### Landlords, property managers or housing officials

Name

Phone

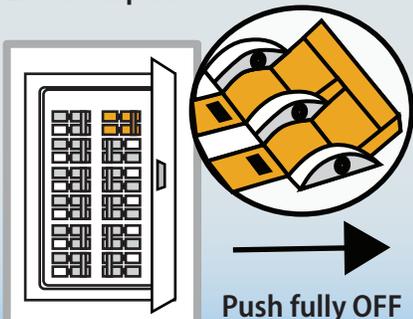
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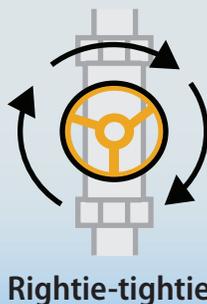
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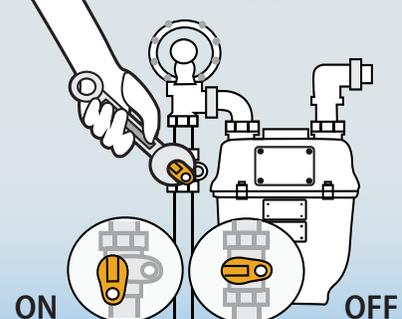
Electrical panel



Water main valve



Gas valve



### Map your home and utilities

Know how to turn off your main utilities. In certain emergencies, officials will ask that these be turned off for safety reasons.

**Important:** Do not shut off your natural gas when you receive an Evacuation Order. If requested by emergency officials, your natural gas service will be turned off as a precautionary measure.

If your gas is shut off at the meter, **DON'T** try to turn it back on. Only a licensed gas contractor can do that safely.

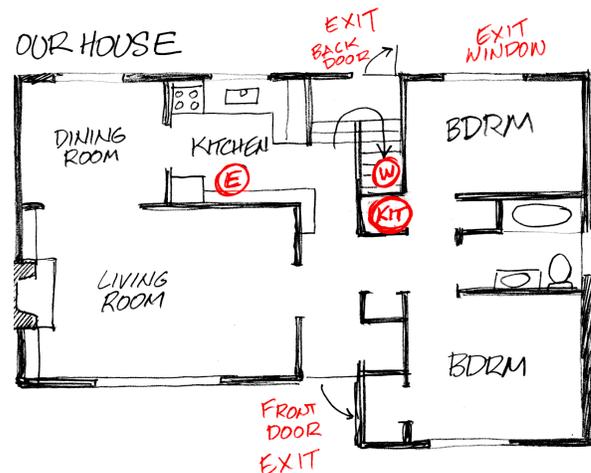
Use the following symbols to mark the location of your utilities in the space below.

Electricity 

Water 

Natural gas 

**Example:**



## Home emergency kit

Following an emergency such as a power outage, you may need to stay in your home (“shelter-in-place”) and use your emergency kit.

Your emergency kit should include supplies for up to two (2) weeks.



**1** To build a home emergency kit, gather some of the following basic supplies:

	Water, four litres per person per day		Non-perishable food with a manual can opener
	First aid kit and medications		Garbage bags and moist towelettes
	Phone charger, power bank or inverter		Copy of your emergency plan, important documents and Help/Ok sign
	Battery-powered or hand-crank radio and flashlight		Seasonal clothing, sturdy footwear and emergency blanket
	Personal toiletries		Dust mask to filter air
	Cash in small bills		Whistle to signal for help
	Extra batteries		Comfort items

**2** Next, include items specific to your needs, such as pet supplies and prescriptions.

**3** Store your emergency kit in a secure, dry and easy to get to location, such as a closet.

### Grab-and-go bag

Following an emergency such as a flood or wildfire, you may need to leave immediately with a grab-and-go bag.



A grab-and-go bag is a smaller version of a home emergency kit with supplies for a minimum of one day (24 hours).

Everyone you live with should have their own grab-and-go bag at school, at work and in their vehicle. Make grab-and-go bags for your pets as well.

**1** To build a grab-and-go bag, gather the following basic supplies:



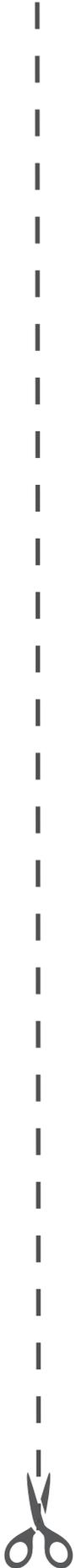
**2** Next, include items specific to every individual's needs, such as items to help pass time.

**3** Store your grab-and-go bags in a secure, dry and easy to get to location, such as under beds.



In case of an emergency, display sign this side out in front window of house or vehicle if you DO require assistance.





In case of an emergency, display sign this side out in front window of house or vehicle if you DO NOT require assistance.

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## Home emergency plan

### Pet information

List the name, breed, colour or identifying marks and registration number for each of your pets.

Name	Type/Breed	Colour/Identifiers	Registration/ID
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

### Vet information

List the details of your vet clinic including nearest emergency vet clinic.



Name	Phone	Email	Address
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

### Pet daycare information

If you use a kennel or daycare for your pets, find out their emergency plan and list their details.

Name	Phone	Email	Address
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



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