

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

When a disaster strikes, each of us must know what to do, where to go, how to contact family, and if necessary, how to survive until help arrives. To help us be prepared we should:

1. **KNOW THE RISKS**
2. **MAKE A PLAN**
3. **GET A KIT**

Be informed about the hazards and risks in the area in which you live.

KNOW THE RISKS - CANADA

REGION	HIGH RISK	MODERATE RISK
BRITISH COLUMBIA	Earthquakes, Tsunamis, Extreme weather, Avalanches, Floods	Volcanic Activity, Hazardous material spill, Pandemic, Storm surge, Wild Fires, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
EDMONTON	Severe weather, Tornadoes, Power outages, Avalanches, Earthquakes, Floods	Pandemic, Landslides, Wild Fires, Hazardous material spill, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
PRAIRIES	Severe weather, Tornadoes, Wild Fires, Power outages, Avalanches, Earthquakes, Floods	Pandemic, Landslide, Hazardous material spill, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
ONTARIO	Severe weather, Floods, Tornadoes, Heat waves, Power outages	Earthquake, Wild Fires, Hazardous material spill, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
OTTAWA (Ottawa and Kingston)	Severe weather, Floods, Tornadoes, Terrorism, Power outages	Earthquake s, Wild Fires, Hazardous material spill, Pandemic and Urban/Structural Fires
QUEBEC & MARITIMES	Winter Storms, Power outages, Landslides, Avalanches, Wild Fires, Floods, Terrorism	Earthquake, Urban/Structural Fires, Hazardous material spill, Pandemic

KNOW THE RISKS – AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND & PAPUA NEW GUINEA

REGION	HIGH RISK	MODERATE RISK
WESTERN AUSTRALIA	Bushfires, Earthquakes, Tropical Cyclones, Floods, Heat Waves, Volcanic Activity, Tsunamis, Landslides and Storm Tides	Power Outages, Hazardous material spills, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
NORTHERN TERRITORY	Bushfires, Earthquakes, Tropical Cyclones, Floods, Heat Waves, Volcanic Activity, Tsunamis, Landslides and Storm Tides	Power Outages, Hazardous material spills, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
QUEENSLAND	Bushfires, Earthquakes, Tropical Cyclones, Floods, Heat Waves, Volcanic Activity, Tsunamis, Landslides and Storm Tides	Power Outages, Hazardous material spills, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
NEW SOUTH WALES	Bushfires, Earthquakes, Tropical Cyclones, Floods, Heat Waves, Volcanic Activity, Tsunamis, Landslides and Storm Tides	Power Outages, Hazardous material spills, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
VICTORIA	Bushfires, Earthquakes, Tropical Cyclones, Floods, Heat Waves, Volcanic Activity, Tsunamis, Landslides and Storm Tides	Power Outages, Hazardous material spills, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fire and Terrorism
SOUTH AUSTRALIA	Bushfires, Earthquakes, Tropical Cyclones, Floods, Heat Waves, Volcanic Activity, Tsunamis, Landslides and Storm Tides	Power Outages, Hazardous material spill, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
TASMANIA	Bushfires, Earthquakes, Tropical Cyclones, Floods, Heat Waves, Volcanic Activity, Tsunami, Landslides and Storm Tides	Power Outages, Hazardous material spills, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
NEW ZEALAND	Earthquakes, Floods, Volcanic Activity, Tsunamis, Landslides and Storm Tides	Hurricanes, Power Outages, Hazardous material spills, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Earthquakes, Cyclones, Floods, Heat Waves, Volcanic Activity, Tsunamis, Landslides, Storm Tides, Power Outages, Pandemic, Hazardous material spill, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism	

KNOW THE RISKS - USA

REGION	HIGH RISK	MODERATE RISK
FLORIDA	Hurricanes, Floods, Heat waves	Wild Fires, Tornadoes, Landslides, Hazardous material spill, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
SOUTHWEST	Hurricanes and Cyclones (<i>S. Texas and Louisiana, May to November</i>), Floods (<i>S. Texas & Louisiana</i>), Heat waves (<i>June to Sept</i>), Wild Fires (<i>North & Central Texas and Oklahoma</i>), Tornadoes (<i>Texas and Oklahoma</i>)	Tsunamis, Hazardous material spill, Pandemic Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
WEST	Earthquakes, Wild Fires, Floods, Heat waves, Volcanic activity, Tsunamis, Landslides	Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Hazardous material spill, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
NORTHEAST	Winter storms	Earthquakes, Floods, Heat waves, Wild Fires, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
NORTH TEXAS	Heat waves, Wild Fires, Tornadoes	Floods, Winter storms, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
MIDWEST	Winter storms, Wild Fires, Tornadoes, Heat waves, Floods	Earthquakes, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism
SOUTHEAST	Hurricanes, Floods and Tornadoes (<i>Carolinas and Georgia</i>), Heat waves	Winter storms, Landslides, Wild Fires, Pandemic, Urban/Structural Fires and Terrorism

It is also very important to **create a 'hazard map'** of your home, i.e., identify the risks and then fix them. Many injuries during earthquakes, for instance, are caused by poorly secured furnishings, including book cases, big screen TVs which can get displaced. You can identify and fix at-risk areas of your home to reduce future earthquake damage and disruption, by securing heavy furniture and fixtures, moving flammable liquids to the garage and securing gas lines. For more information, visit:

<http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1666>

To learn about the different types of disasters and determine the disaster risks where you live, visit:

Australia:

<http://www.ga.gov.au/hazards/introduction.jsp#>

Canada:

<http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/knw/ris/index-eng.aspx>

New Zealand:

http://www.civildefence.govt.nz/memwebsite.nsf/wpg_URL/Being-Prepared-Index?OpenDocument

Papua New Guinea:

<http://www.pngbuai.com/000general/disaster-emergency/disaster-awareness-png.html>

USA:

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/determine.shtm>

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