



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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## KNOW THE HAZARDS

Although the consequences of various disasters can be similar, knowing the risks in and around Nelson can help you better prepare. Educate yourself on the hazards that may occur, including wildfires, floods, severe weather and prolonged power outages.

## BUILD A "GRAB-AND-GO" BAG

In an emergency, you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Plan ahead to ensure you are able to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours and/or are prepared to evacuate with short notice. A "grab-and-go" bag will allow you to get out in moments. If your home is placed on evacuation order while you are away from it, you will not be able to return to it, so have your "grab-and-go" bag with you. Here are some items to put in your "grab-and-go" bag:

- Food (ready to eat) and water
- Phone charger and battery bank
- Small battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Battery-powered or hand-crank flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Small first-aid kit and personal medications
- Personal toiletries and items, such as an extra pair of glasses or contact lenses
- Copy of your emergency plan, copies of important documents, such as insurance papers, passports, etc.
- Cash in small bills
- Local map with your family meeting place identified
- Seasonal clothing and an emergency blanket
- Pen and notepad
- Whistle

## MAKE A PLAN

Everyone needs an emergency plan. It will help you and your family know what to do in case of an emergency as your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations. Include things like contact info, meeting spots, and prearranged plans with friends or family out of the area that you can stay with if needed and how you will get there. Remember, there is a possibility that cellular service may be out in an emergency, so plan ahead to not rely upon it. Don't forget to plan for your pets as well, including transportation, food and medicine and a place for them to stay. Also, reach out to friends and neighbours. Many community members don't drive, or don't have a vehicle. Work together to come up with a plan that helps everyone get out if necessary. Evacuation is a community wide endeavour.

## GRAB-AND-GO BAG



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HOME EMERGENCY PLAN

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

Family contact information:

Full name:	Phone:	Email:

Pet information:

Name:	Type/Breed:	Colour:	Registration/ID:

Local hazards:

The hazards/disasters most likely to affect our home are: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency meeting places:

1. Emergency meeting place near our home: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Emergency meeting place away from our home: \_\_\_\_\_

**TIP:** Keep this plan in an easy-to-find, easy-to-remember place. For example, with your emergency kit. You may also want to make duplicate copies to keep in your car and at work.

**TIP:** Your family may not be together when a disaster occurs. It's important to go over what you've planned so you know how to connect with each other in the case of an emergency. Be sure to discuss what you would do in different situations. Review and update your plan yearly.

**TIP:** Your pets should wear current identification tags and have their vaccinations up-to-date at all times. Along with your information on their tags, also include the phone number of your out-of-area contact.

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