

IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND USEFUL LINKS:

Emergency: 911

Local Emergency Information Line: 250-997-2018

Police: 250-997-3288

Fire Hall: 250-997-4221

Hospital: 250-997-3263

Ambulance: 1-800-461-9911

Radio CHMM 103.5: 250-997-6277

72 hours emergency preparedness: www.getprepared.ca

Weather events, wildfires: www.pep.gov.bc.ca

Home power outage preparations: call **1-888-769-3766** or
www.bchydro.com/news/power_outagehome_outages.html

Air quality, or other environmental issues: www.gov.bc.ca/env

Wildfire information: www.bcwildfire.ca

72 hour emergency preparedness pamphlets
are available at the Fire Hall, Municipal Office,
and Recreation Centre.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION **DON'T DISREGARD**

District of Mackenzie

Shelter in Place Procedures

Prepared by the District of Mackenzie
Emergency Planning Committee

In Case of an Emergency Call

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EVACUATION PREPAREDNESS

To be prepared before an emergency arises, please call 250-997-4221 **in advance** if you, or someone you know, will require transportation or assistance. Appropriate arrangements will then be made to pre-register you for assistance should there be an emergency evacuation.

Keep a flashlight and portable battery operated radio with you at all times. Follow the evacuation instructions provided in this brochure in the case of an evacuation alert or evacuation order.

Basics are:

1. Go indoors immediately
2. Close all windows and doors
3. Turn off furnace, air conditioners and exhaust system
4. Listen to your radio CHMM 103.5FM

SHELTER IN PLACE

An accident may cause a hazardous material to enter the air. Unless the hazardous material is flammable, emergency response professionals recommend that you stay indoors until you receive instructions to leave. Once you are inside there are several things you can do to help your building protect you.

- Go indoors and stay there
- Close all outside doors and every door inside the building
- Close all windows
- Do not use kitchen vents or bathroom vents
- Set thermostats so air conditioners, furnaces and hot water heaters will not come on
- Do not use fireplaces. Close all dampers
- Do not operate clothes dryer
- Shelter in an inside room away from windows and doors if possible
- Reduce or avoid smoking as it contaminates the air
- Do not leave the building until told to.
- Stay tuned to local television or radio for Information
- Do not use the telephone. It may tie up the phone lines

Our well weather-stripped buildings slow the movement of air into the buildings and any hazardous material that does enter is weakened when it mixes with the indoor air. It is imperative that you stay indoors, especially if you see a cloud, vapour, or smoke from the hazardous material outdoors, or you can smell it indoors. You will be safer inside. Schools have their own shelter in place programs. There is no need to go to the schools to get your children.

ALL CLEAR

When an all clear order is given you may be allowed to return to the area previously evacuated, once you have been advised that the danger has passed; however, there is a possibility that the danger may re-manifest itself and the evacuation notification may be reissued.

NOTE

Community emergency plans have been prepared to ensure your safety. It is important that you follow the directives you are given by the authorities to ensure your safety. Advance preparation is the key to safe and effective movement of people. Plans for providing care and recovery of evacuees, victims, and emergency workers have been put in place with your welfare in mind.

If you are alerted to the possibility of a disaster impacting your area, you may be provided with suggestions of things you should do to protect your property. These suggestions will depend on the type of disaster.

SPECIAL NOTE

How, when and where an evacuation occurs depends very much on the specific emergency every scenario will be different and may require different evacuation routes. Be prepared for all possibilities.