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Emergency Preparedness Week
May 6 - May 12, 2018

Know the Risks

Knowing what to do is an important part of being prepared during a natural disaster. Find out about risks in your area & start to prepare. You should be aware of hazards that can trigger emergencies, such as bomb threats, chemical spills or infectious disease outbreaks.

What does "Shelter in Place" mean?

Get Inside, Stay Inside

If local officials tell you to "stay put," act quickly. Listen carefully to local radio/tv stations for instructions, because the exact directions will depend on the emergency situation. You should:

- Get inside. Bring your emergency supplies, & pets, if possible.
- Find a safe spot in this location. The spot depends on the emergency, and stay put until officials say it is safe to leave.

For more information, visit emergency.cdc.gov/shelterinplace.asp

Make a Plan

Every household needs an emergency plan. It will help your family know what to do in case of an emergency. Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another & discuss what you would do in different situations. To help fill out your home emergency plan, visit emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/beprepared/beprepared.html

Build a Kit

In an emergency you will need to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Your kit needs to be easy to carry & everyone needs to knows where it is. For items to have in your Emergency Kit, visit emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/beprepared/beprepared.html

Using Technology During a Disaster

- Use texting, email or social media to communicate.
- If you need to call, talk briefly to conserve phone battery.
- Unable to call? Wait 10 seconds before redialing to reduce network congestion. Remember cordless phones will not work in an outage. Keep a corded phone in your home.
- Keep extra batteries or a charger for your mobile device.
- Keep your contact list updated.

***NOTE*: Effective April 6**, in addition to TV & radio alerts, compatible mobile devices will be able to receive emergency alert notifications from the Alert Ready system. Find out if your device is compatible: www.alertready.ca

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