

Make Your Plan.

Work together with family, neighbours, and friends to make your home emergency plan specific for your home's location and local risks. Plan your method of transportation and two routes to a safe location using the evacuation map. Build a support network by coordinating plans with friends or family outside your immediate neighbourhood for possible lodging and family reunification, offering the same in return.

Preparedbc.ca has resources to help you prepare your own Home Emergency Plan.



Prepare a Grab-and-Go Bag.



List of items to take at the last minute:

- Wallet with identification, credit cards and cash
- House and vehicle keys
- Mobile phone and charger
- Glasses and contact lenses
- Medications, toiletries and personal hygiene items
- Mobility and medical devices (with written instructions)



Items to put in your evacuation grab-and-go bag:

- A supply of non-perishable food, snacks and bottled water for each person in your household
- A copy of your emergency plan, including contact numbers and reunification plan
- Copies of important documents (prescription records, birth certificates, passports, insurance and bank records)
- Change of clothing including warm layers and a blanket
- First aid kit, radio and basic tools
- Crank or battery-operated flashlight(s) or candles with matches
- For Children: diapers and wipes, clothing, snacks, activities and comfort items
- For Pets: food, collar with ID tag, leash or carrier, blanket, and toy.



Be Ready for an Emergency.

Everyone's Preparedness is Essential.



In an Emergency Dial 911

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Find further information on the Sunshine Coast Emergency Program at www.scrd.ca/emergency-program



COMMUNITY EVACUATION GUIDE

- PREPARE NOW
- KNOW WHAT TO DO
- KEEP INFORMED



Sunshine Coast Regional District

The Sunshine Coast is home to diverse communities within the territories of the shíshálh and Skwxwú7mesh Nations. We share a strong connection to our communities, culture, history and natural environment.

The SCRD includes:

- District of Sechelt
- Town of Gibsons
- shíshálh Nation Government District
- Electoral Areas A, B, D, E and F

Be Ready to Evacuate

An evacuation may be ordered when a natural or human-caused hazard threatens people's safety. Emergencies can escalate quickly, so know your risks and be prepared to leave.

Plan Your Route

- Know multiple ways out of your neighbourhood.
- Plan how you will travel: vehicle, with family or neighbours, bicycle or on foot.
- Keep your vehicle at least half full of fuel.
- Use public transit if it is safe and available.
- Make sure everyone in your household knows the plan.

Emergency Services

Local Fire Rescue, RCMP, BC Ambulance Service and Sechelt Hospital support emergency response across the Sunshine Coast.

Know the Risks.

Risks vary across the Sunshine Coast. Know the hazards in your area and how to prepare for them. Consider the risks wherever you spend time, including at home, work, school, on the road and during recreational activities.



Wildfire



Severe Weather



Earthquake



Tsunami

Know What to Do.



You and your family should be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least seven (7) days after an emergency.

Know your hazards, make a plan, get prepared, and keep informed.

DURING an Evacuation

- Evacuation notification may be delivered by door-to-door notice, Emergency Alert System (Voyent Alert), social media, emergency vehicle sirens or local radio broadcasts.
- Follow instructions and advice of notifications and emergency responders to locate evacuation routes and safe locations within the timeframe specified.
- Notify emergency responders if you or anyone in your household requires mobility assistance.
- Prepare your home: Turn off and unplug all appliances. Lock up your home. If you have been instructed to do so, turn off all utilities at the main switches or valves including propane and water.
- Take your grab-and-go bag and last minute items.
- Take your pets and pet evacuation kit.
- Refrain from using your phone except in case of an emergency. Leave the network open for emergency personnel use.

AFTER an Evacuation

- **Register as an evacuee.** Registration instructions will be announced in the evacuation notification including how to access supports. Stay connected and informed of current evacuation situation and when it is safe to return.
- Upon your return, inspect your home cautiously and check for damage and hazards.
- Call your insurance company: Document damage with photos and written notes, keep records of clean up and repair costs, as well as, hotels, meals, and travel expenses.
- Clean your home as recommended by health officials.

You Asked.



Given that the Sunshine Coast has just one highway, how will people be evacuated?

It is unlikely that the entire Sunshine Coast would need to evacuate at the same time. If an evacuation is required, multiple agencies will work together to manage traffic and move people safely.

This may include the RCMP, local fire departments, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Southwest Regional Emergency Operations Centre, Capilano Highways, local traffic-control companies and others.

Water transportation may also be used, with support from the Canadian Coast Guard, Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue and local water transport companies.

Where do I go if my neighbourhood is ordered to evacuate?

It depends on the emergency and where it is happening. If an evacuation is ordered, the Sunshine Coast Emergency Program will identify reception centres and provide information to affected residents through reliable local information sources or direct contact.

What will happen if a wildfire breaks out?

The BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) is responsible for responding to wildfires in British Columbia and has an office on the Sunshine Coast. The Coast's six fire departments also work together through mutual aid agreements.

If a wildfire threatens public safety, the SCRD will activate its Emergency Operations Centre to coordinate with BCWS and other agencies, keep residents informed and manage evacuations if needed.

You can track wildfires across B.C. through the BC Wildfire Service website or the free BC Wildfire Service mobile app.

Working Together.



The Sunshine Coast Regional District, through the Sunshine Coast Emergency Program (SCEP), is the lead agency for emergency management on the Sunshine Coast.

Municipal and regional district staff, along with volunteers, first responders, first nations, and non-government agencies plan, train, and exercise together to be ready for the next large-scale emergency or disaster.

Our emergency response preparations include:

- Pre-identifying reception centres for people who may be displaced by an evacuation order.
- Purchasing equipment required to set up evacuation reception centres.
- Identifying and training an Emergency Support Services team to organize and staff evacuation reception centres.
- Establishing multiple early notification and communication methods, including the Voyent Alert!, the emergency alert system.
- Developing an overarching evacuation plan for the Sunshine Coast, as well as smaller evacuation plans for some more remote communities.
- Giving emergency preparedness presentations to neighbourhood community groups.

Want to help?

Emergency Support Services can always use volunteers to help in an emergency. Advance training is required.

If you are interested, email ess@scrd.ca, or visit www.scrd.ca/ess for program information.

Keep Informed.



Emergency Alert System

The Emergency Alert System (Voyent Alert!) can deliver critical, lifesaving notifications about an emergency by phone, email or text.

Scan this code or register today at www.scrd.ca/alert-system



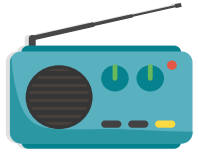
Know the **THREE KINDS** of Notices:

EVACUATION ALERT tells you to prepare for an evacuation and be ready to leave on short notice.

EVACUATION ORDER tells you to evacuate immediately. This may happen in circumstances where there is little or no time to notify, or following an Evacuation Alert.

SHELTER IN PLACE tells you to take immediate shelter and stay in the home or building where you are.

Reliable Sources of Local Information



Stay informed by following official emergency updates through:

- **Voyent Alert!**
- **SCRD website:** scrd.ca/emergency-alerts
- **91.7 FM radio**
- **SCRD Facebook page**
- **SCRD X account**

Being prepared starts with knowing where to find trusted information. Make sure you're connected before an emergency happens.