

NEWS RELEASE

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Don't be scared - be prepared!

Emergency Preparedness Week is May 5 - 11

Summary

In the event that an emergency happens, are you prepared? According to a study conducted by PreparedBC in December 2017, most British Columbians are not. With Emergency Preparedness Week taking place May 5 – 11, the City, along with Nanaimo Fire Rescue, want to help make sure residents have the information necessary to stay safe.

Be on alert! On May 8, at 1:55 pm, test alerts will be sent out across the country through Alert Ready – Canada's emergency alerting system. A test message will be distributed over television, radio and compatible wireless devices to demonstrate what an emergency alert will look and sound like in the event of a life-threatening situation. For more information, visit www.alertready.ca.

For tips on preparing an emergency kit, watch the video attached to the online version of this news release and visit the Emergency Management section at www.nanaimo.ca.

Strategic Link: The City is committed to Public Safety

Key Points

- Emergency Preparedness Week takes place May 5-11 and is a national event coordinated by Public Safety Canada.
- A test alert will be sent out on May 8 at 1:55 pm (PDT) through the Canada-wide Alert Ready system.
- Knowing the risks, having an emergency plan and making an emergency kit are all important steps to take to be prepared.

Quotes

"Emergencies happen when we least expect them. Additionally, climate change is causing more extreme weather events that can result in an impact to our community, including loss of power for an extended period of time. It is important to take steps to ensure you and your family are prepared to care for yourselves for a minimum of 72 hours, but ideally up to seven days given the geographic area where we live."

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