

EMERGENCY! What's Your Plan?

It is Emergency Preparedness Week May 1-7...are you prepared in case you have to suddenly leave your home?



By definition, emergencies happen when we don't expect them, and often when families are not together.

Suddenly, you need to think about your kids at school or elderly parents across town. If phones don't work, or some streets aren't accessible, what will you do? Having a family emergency plan will save time and make real situations less stressful.

The Anarchist Mountain Fire Rescue Society has **ENPrep** - a dedicated community team to assist residents in understanding how they can best be prepared in the event of an emergency. **ENPrep** (formerly ENCom) represents Emergency Notification and Preparation.

Notification Systems

There are a few systems available that notify us of emergencies and more:



Alert Ready is a Canada-wide public alerting system designed to deliver critical and potentially life-saving alerts to Canadians through television, radio, and other media and on wireless devices. You likely have heard this emergency alert tone on your phone or tv when there is threat to life through hazardous events or weather. A test will be conducted on May 4th, 2022 at 1:55 p.m. PST.



Voyent Alert! is a notification system used regionally by both RDOS and RDKB. By signing up, you have the choice to be notified by app, phone, email, and/ or text. There is also the choice of which notifications you wish to receive, such as notices of public hearings, info on change in garbage/ recycling collection and emergency alerts or evacuation notices. **It is highly recommended that all residents register on this notification system in their regional district.**

- Get the Voyent Alert! app at the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
- For email, text, or phone notifications, get started here: <https://register.voyent-alert.com>
- For more information, please visit <https://voyent-alert.com/ca/community>

ENPrep



ENPrep has an automated emergency notification system that is used under the direction of the Anarchist Mountain Fire Department. Why should we sign up for two systems? In the event of an urgent local emergency, such as a closure of Highway 3 due to a hazardous material spill, residents will receive immediate notification, as every second counts in situations like these. Residents were recently notified through their area leads to register. If you missed this or have questions, please contact a.m.enprep@gmail.com.

Previously, you may recall the automated telephone-based system as well as the phone tree. Based on a resident survey after last year's Nk'Mip Wildfire, the phone tree system did not provide a level of reliability that was considered necessary for the community. Therefore, now reliance is on the fully automated systems.

The **ENPrep** team consists of 4 people who administer and coordinate the automated notification system. Anarchist Mountain is divided into 10 areas, including Sidley Mountain. Each area has one or two leads who act as information sources to their neighbours and will enter interested residents' information into the **ENPrep** database for local emergency notifications.

Get Yourself Ready

There are many resources available from national to regional levels. Take the time to check them out. For those who were here last year during the wildfire, evacuation alerts and orders come quickly, and it is essential that you have what you need when you leave your home. Also, don't forget to make sure your insurance coverage will meet your needs in such an event.

- **Government of Canada:** getprepared.gc.ca/index/en.aspx
- **Province of British Columbia:** ww2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/guides-and-resources
- **Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen:** emergency.rdos.bc.ca/be-prepared/
- **Regional District of Kootenay-Boundary:** emergency.rdkb.com

Prepare & Recover

Remember:

- Know the hazards and make a plan ahead of time
- Prepare emergency supplies and have your “go bag” ready
- Use the guides and resources provided above
- Learn what happens in an evacuation so you know what to do and why
- Financial assistance after a disaster – know what your insurance covers



Let's all be partners in preparedness and get ready now!