

# Emergency Preparedness Week focuses on planning ahead

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**Welland, ON** – Emergency Preparedness Week (May 1-7, 2022) encourages Canadians to take concrete actions to protect themselves and their families during emergencies better.

This designated week is a national effort led by Public Safety Canada, provincial and territorial emergency management organizations, Indigenous organizations, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector. This year, Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week is May 1-7, 2022, and the theme is: Be Ready for Anything.

A collaborative event undertaken by provincial and territorial emergency management organizations supporting activities at the local level, in concert with Public Safety Canada and partners, EP Week encourages Canadians to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies: know the risks, make a plan, get an emergency kit.

“We know that not everyone has the support or the means to manage an emergency,” said Fire Chief Adam Eckhart. “Because we all have a role to play, we should reach out to our friends, family, and neighbours and inquire if they have any vulnerabilities in managing an emergency. Being prepared is the first step in managing your way through.”

Emergency preparedness increases knowledge and reduces risks in an unforeseen event; emergency preparedness is everyone’s responsibility. Natural, technological, and environmental disasters often occur without warning. For example, when floods or tornadoes strike a community, accidents such as chemical spills, or even service disruptions such as power failures, being unprepared for a disaster can create significant disruptions.

Everyone has a role to play in an emergency. EP Week is an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you are prepared to protect yourself, your family, and your community during an emergency.

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