



## EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS – PROTECTIVE MEASURES

### Local Authority Evacuation Orders

When it is determined that an evacuation is required, the warning must be timely and accurate. While the main concern is the preservation of life, those displaced from their homes or businesses may be experiencing inconvenience, anxiety or fear.

To order an evacuation, a Local Authority must declare a “State of Emergency,” as enabled under Section 12 of the BC Emergency Program Act.

In all emergencies, regardless of the threat, the community or jurisdiction is the first line of defense. The BC government supports community/jurisdiction response in all areas of the province.

### Evacuation Stages

#### **Stage 1 - Evacuation Alert**

Evacuation Alert – A consistent format and process will be used to alert the population at risk of potential need for evacuation. The alert highlights the nature of danger and that people should be prepared to evacuate the area. The Evacuation Alert may allow for the population at risk to begin an orderly preparation to voluntarily leave the affected area, within a specified time frame. However, the reality of the situation may require immediate action with very short notice.

#### **Stage 2 - Evacuation Order**

Evacuation Order – The population at risk is ordered to evacuate the area specified in a formal written order. This is an order and as such does not allow for any discretionary decision on the part of the population at risk. They must leave the area immediately. A statement must be included in all bulletins, pamphlets, warnings and orders that makes it very clear to all that, while the evacuation order is in effect, the area in question will have controlled access and that a pass may be required to regain access to the area.

#### **Stage 3 - Evacuation Rescind**

Evacuation Rescind – The population at risk is allowed to return to the area previously evacuated, having been advised that the danger has passed. There is the possibility that the danger may re-manifest itself and the Evacuation Alert or Evacuation Order might need to be reissued.

### **For More Information and notifications:**

[www.gov.bc.ca/preparedbc](http://www.gov.bc.ca/preparedbc)

[www.districtoftumblerridge.ca](http://www.districtoftumblerridge.ca)

[www.nbcalerts.ca](http://www.nbcalerts.ca)



# Emergency Evacuation Checklist

Here is a list of useful items to take in the event of an evacuation. Keep this list in a convenient location for future reference. Preparing now can help eliminate future stress and confusion.  
Talk to your family, Know the Region, Know the Risks, Be Prepared.

- Family**
- \_\_\_ Photographs of all family members
  - \_\_\_ Pets (if advance warning, take to an approved shelter)
  - \_\_\_ Pet ID tags
  - \_\_\_ Pet medications
  - \_\_\_ Pet leashes
  - \_\_\_ Pet water bowls



- Document**
- \_\_\_ Health insurance card
  - \_\_\_ Car insurance card
  - \_\_\_ House deed
  - \_\_\_ Marriage license
  - \_\_\_ Insurance papers
  - \_\_\_ Birth certificates
  - \_\_\_ Drivers' licenses
  - \_\_\_ Legal documents
  - \_\_\_ Computer backup disks
  - \_\_\_ Computers (time permitting)

- Medications**
- \_\_\_ Prescriptions
  - \_\_\_ Analgesics
  - \_\_\_ Motion sickness tablets
  - \_\_\_ First-aid kit
  - \_\_\_ Prescription glasses
  - \_\_\_ Prescription dentures
  - \_\_\_ Prescription hearing aids

- Money**
- \_\_\_ Check books
  - \_\_\_ Savings books
  - \_\_\_ Credit cards
  - \_\_\_ Cash
  - \_\_\_ Purse
  - \_\_\_ Wallet
  - \_\_\_ Blank checks

- Jewelry**
- \_\_\_ Gold, silver, and other valuable jewelry
  - \_\_\_ Family heirlooms
  - \_\_\_ Decorations, pins, awards

**Food and Water** (for three to seven days)

- \_\_\_ Water (at least one litre per person)
- \_\_\_ Non-perishable, ready-to-eat food
- \_\_\_ Pet food
- \_\_\_ Pet treats
- \_\_\_ Manual can opener

- Sentimental**
- \_\_\_ Photos albums, movies, home videos
  - \_\_\_ Family Bible
  - \_\_\_ Irreplaceable keepsakes
  - \_\_\_ Original paintings

**Clothing** (appropriate for the season)

- \_\_\_ Change of clothing for each person
- \_\_\_ Coats and jackets
- \_\_\_ Hats and caps
- \_\_\_ Gloves and scarves
- \_\_\_ Shoes and boots
- \_\_\_ Change of underwear
- \_\_\_ Sleepwear
- \_\_\_ Infant supplies and toys

- Toiletries**
- \_\_\_ Soap and towels
  - \_\_\_ Toothbrushes and toothpaste
  - \_\_\_ Shaving articles
  - \_\_\_ Sanitary devices

**Additional Items to Take**

- \_\_\_ Cell phones
- \_\_\_ Reading material
- \_\_\_ Recreational items
- \_\_\_ Flashlights and extra batteries
- \_\_\_ Portable radio and extra batteries
- \_\_\_ Cameras and extra batteries

## WHAT TO DO BEFORE LEAVING

- Fill your vehicle with gas
- Establish a evacuation plan, travel route and destination
- Follow any official agency's evacuation instructions
- Turn off appliances, thermostats, fireplaces and stoves
- Leave one light on in each general area
- Lock doors and windows
- Determine where separated members will meet