

## Evacuation & Shelter-In-Place

An evacuation may be ordered when there is a significant threat. Other times, it may be safer to remain inside (shelter-in-place). These orders are typically broadcast through TV, radio, government websites, social media or wireless public alerting.

### Evacuation

- Evacuate only when ordered by emergency officials and if safety permits, take your pets.
- Take your family emergency kit with you and head to your family meeting place or to a designated reception centre.

### Shelter-in-Place

- Close and lock all windows and exterior doors.
- Turn off all fans, heating and air-conditioning systems to avoid drawing air in from the outside.

### Family Emergency Plan

- Create a family emergency plan and discuss potential emergency situations ahead of time to reduce fear and anxiety.
- Review your plan yearly and practice going to your meeting places.

### Meeting Places

Identify two meeting places in case you have to leave your home or can't return home right away:

- Near your home.
- Outside of your neighbourhood.

To develop your own Emergency Preparedness Action Plan visit [ontario.ca/beprepared](http://ontario.ca/beprepared)

## Additional Resources

Learn more about what to do in an emergency through your local municipal office.

These organizations have further information on emergency preparedness, weather warnings and other emergency information before, during and after emergencies.

[Canadian Red Cross](#)

[Environment and Climate Change Canada](#)

[Hydro One](#)

[Insurance Bureau of Canada](#)

[Public Safety Canada](#)

### Stay Connected

- During an emergency, get the latest updates by following us on Twitter: @OntarioWarnings.
- Keep calls and texts short and brief to reduce network congestion.
- Don't call 9-1-1 unless a life is at stake.
- Don't waste battery life on mobile games, apps and videos. Dim your screen to preserve power for critical communication.
- Forward your home phone to your mobile phone if you're forced to evacuate.
- Alert Ready is Canada's emergency alerting system. Alert Ready delivers critical and potentially life-saving alerts to Canadians through television, radio and LTE-connected and compatible wireless devices. More info at [alertready.ca](http://alertready.ca)

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# Emergency Preparedness Starts With You



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