

# Emergency Preparedness Tips & Resources

(Prepared by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management)

[Emergency Preparedness](#) is everyone's responsibility but not everyone has the means or capacity to deal with emergencies. We encourage you to check on your neighbours to make sure they're okay – knock on their door if you have to – and reach out to family and friends who may need your help during an emergency.

**MAKE A PLAN** – Create your emergency [family plan](#) and practice it.

**BUILD A KIT** – Get together with your family and put together an [emergency kit](#) with enough supplies to last 72 hours (three days).



[ontario.ca/alertready](http://ontario.ca/alertready)



Wireless emergency alerts are here. But only for LTE-enabled (4G) cell phones and mobile devices in Canada. The geo-targeted alerts will warn Canadians about dangers and imminent threats to life and property so they can take appropriate action.

[Click here](#) to check your phone's compatibility and see if it can receive wireless emergency alerts.

A PROVINCE-WIDE TEST of the system will take place on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:55 pm EST and again on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The [OFMEM website](#) includes FAQs and other information.

If you've got an older model phone you can still get emergency alerts from Ontario's Emergency Public Warning System. The system allows subscribers to receive [tornado warnings](#) and [emergency alerts](#)

STILL WANT MORE? Get information about [current provincial emergencies](#).



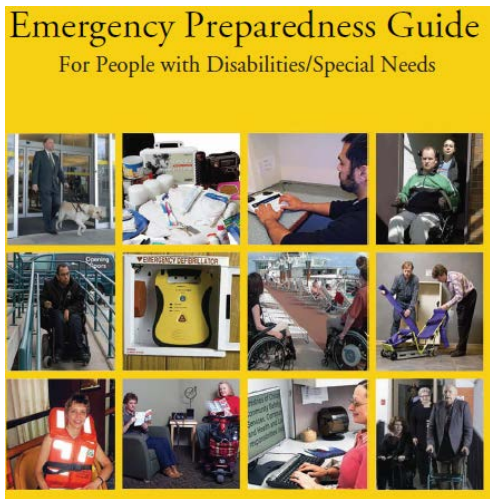
## RESOURCES & PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

OFMEM has a wide variety of free promotional materials that can be downloaded and printed.

These materials are available to help promote your next event, workshop or campaign. These include [Campaigns & Initiatives](#), resources for [web and social media](#), plus [print materials](#).

INFOGRAPHICS are available on a variety of hazards including extreme heat, seasonal influenza, tornadoes, winter weather, thunderstorms and nuclear incidents.

RESOURCES for [Seniors](#), [People with Disabilities & Special Needs](#), [Children](#), [Pet owners](#) are also available for download.



ONTARIO HAZARDS – Learn about different emergencies and how to prepare for them. Information about [other](#) weather-related, biological or natural hazards in Ontario is available to you avoid unpleasant surprises or emergencies.

## CAMPAIGNS IDEAS

[EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK](#) is a federal-provincial-territorial initiative to promote emergency preparedness across Canada. This year it's May 6-12 and Ontario supports or participates in numerous events across the province.



Our EP Week theme this year is:

### **BE EMERGENCY READY – STAY CONNECTED**

[Emergency Preparedness Survivor](#) – This activity encourages youth to prepare themselves and their families prior to an emergency. Students learn practical survival skills to help them take care of themselves and their families after a disaster strikes.

EP Survivor is a fun initiative that gives students, parents, educators and the community the opportunity to build leadership skills for young adults, while fostering a sense of preparedness throughout the home, school and education systems.



CAN-WARN TRAINING – Interested in learning about severe weather and helping your community? Then consider attending a free CAN-WARN Weather Spotter Training session sponsored by Environment Canada.

Sessions take place throughout Ontario in April & May. Training normally lasts about 2.5 hours and there is no cost to attend.

Training covers the basics of thunderstorm formation, what differentiates a severe from a non-severe thunderstorm, the types of damage severe thunderstorms can produce, what to watch for in the sky, what to report to the Storm Prediction Centre and a series of safety tips. For more information on upcoming CAN-WARN sessions in your community, please contact [geoff.coulson@canada.ca](mailto:geoff.coulson@canada.ca)

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#### First Nations Emergency Preparedness

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- Anishinaabemowin (Ojibway)
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- Nêhinawêwin (Swampy Cree)

Resources from the Canadian Red Cross:  
For First Nations, Métis and Inuit Communities

#### MULTI-LINGUAL PRODUCTS

– Be prepared in OTHER LANGUAGES. We've got emergency preparedness info available in more than 25 languages [here](#).

SOCIAL MEDIA – With more than 60,000 Twitter followers, we get our messages out to the masses quickly. Follow us @OntarioWarnings. During EP Week, use the hashtags: #ONReady and #EPWeek2018.

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The Federal government has a wonderful EP Week [tool-kit](#) with even more tips, ideas and templates to help you promote EP Week.

