



Statement

Nunavummiut encouraged to “Get Prepared” – Emergency Preparedness Week, May 6-12

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Minister Lorne Kusugak, Minister of Community and Government Services, released the following statement in recognition of Emergency Preparedness Week, May 6-12, 2013:

“Emergency Preparedness Week is an opportunity to remind all Nunavummiut to be prepared and know what to do in the event of an emergency. The theme for Emergency Preparedness Week is: *72 Hours...Is your family prepared?*”

By taking a few simple steps, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies. It is important to:

- **Know the risks** – whether it’s a severe storm, blizzard, power outage, fire or accident, knowing what precautions to take and what to do during an emergency is important to your family’s safety and security.
- **Make a plan** –Every household needs an emergency plan. Make a list of emergency contact numbers. Practice how to safely exit your home. Designate a meeting place to reunite with family in case of emergencies.
- **Get an emergency kit** – Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in an emergency. Keep an emergency kit that includes extra water, non-perishable food, a flashlight, radio, extra medication and extra cash.

Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere. I encourage all Nunavummiut to “Get Prepared” to ensure their family’s safety and security in the event of an emergency.”

For more emergency preparedness tips and tools, please visit www.getprepared.ca.

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