

## **Public Service Announcement**

## **Emergency Preparedness Week 2024**

Start Date: May 6, 2024 End Date: May 11, 2024

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The Department of Community and Government Services' Emergency Management Division wants to let Nunavummiut know that the week of May 5 to 11 is Emergency Preparedness Week across Canada. This year's theme is "Be prepared. Know your Risks".

You should always have an emergency kit at home with enough supplies for at least 72 hours. Your emergency kit should include:

- Extra water (two litres per person in your home, per day).
- Non-perishable food and a manual can opener.
- A wind up or battery-powered flashlight.
- A wind up or battery-powered radio.
- Extra batteries.
- Extra medication.
- Warm clothes.
- Cash in small bills and coins.

When travelling on the land, always take the following measures to protect yourself in the event of an emergency or equipment failure:

- Always travel with an emergency communications device that is in working order, even on day trips. Sign out a free SPOT device at your hamlet office, Hunters and Trappers Organization, search-and-rescue office, or gas bar.
- Communications devices sometimes fail. Be sure to bring a compass and map.
- Always travel with a buddy or a group. Tell family and friends where you are going, when you plan to get there, and when you plan to return.
- Plan a time to notify search-and-rescue if a family member is overdue.

• Always prepare for 72 hours on the land. Bring extra fuel, food, clothing and camping equipment, even on day trips.

Whether at home or on the land, encourage your friends, family and neighbours to plan, prepare and know the risks.

For more emergency preparedness tips and tools, visit the <u>Nunavut Emergency</u> <u>Management webpage</u> and the <u>Get Prepared website</u>.

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