

PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES AND NATURAL DISASTERS?



Resource for Businesses

Emergency planning is an essential aspect of risk management for small businesses in B.C. It helps protect lives, assets, and livelihoods, enhances financial stability, and contributes to community resilience. The disaster preparedness resources listed below can help small businesses be prepared in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

Resources and Organizations

Prepared BC offers downloadable guides and fill-in-the-blank plans to help you prepare for emergencies.

www.gov.bc.ca/PreparedBC



- **Guide for Small Businesses** - This guide helps businesses prepare for an emergency or business interruption by walking through the steps of identifying risks, mitigating potential threats, planning, preparing the business, and practicing the plan.
- **Emergency Plan for Small Businesses** - This fillable resource is designed to help small business owners plan and prepare for emergencies.
- **Guide for Tourism Operators** - This guide is designed to help tourism operators plan and prepare for a disaster, ensuring that the operation will respond effectively, recover quickly, and keep guests safe.
- **Emergency Plan for Tourism Operators** - This fillable resource is designed to help tourism operators plan and prepare for emergencies.

Business Continuity Plans

Having a business continuity plan will help organizations plan how they will operate during challenging times and business disruptions.

- **Business Development Bank of Canada**
Free business continuity plan tool.
- **Community Futures**
Free business continuity plan tool.



Canadian Red Cross

Ready Rating Program helps businesses and other organizations become better prepared for disasters and other emergencies.

www.readyrating.ca



Emergency Info BC

For up-to-date provincial emergency and disaster information, please refer to the Emergency Info BC website:

www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca



Disaster Financial Assistance

After a disaster, the provincial government may declare the event eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA). Once declared, the DFA program may provide applicants with financial assistance to restore uninsurable losses that are essential to homes, livelihoods or community service.

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-management/preparedbc/evacuation-recovery/disaster-financial-assistance



Emergency Management for Agriculture

Agricultural resources to help you prevent, prepare and recover from disasters.

www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/business-market-development/emergency-management



Destination BC

This Emergency Preparedness website includes links to Destination BC resources such as emergency messaging guidance and the Tourism Emergency Management Framework, as well as other resources including BCEDA emergency information, Insurance Bureau of Canada, Drive BC, and others.

www.destinationbc.ca/what-we-do/destination-management/emergency-preparedness



BC Economic Development Association (BCEDA)

This Economic Disaster Preparation webpage contains links to various resources such as:

10 Steps to Prepare your Business for Evacuation Final.pdf found at:

www.bceda.ca/economic_disaster_preparation.php

