

Know what to do

During an emergency

Make sure you know who to call and what to do during an emergency.

Shelter-in-place

If you are told to shelter-in-place you must remain inside your home or office.

- Lock all windows and exterior doors.
- Turn off all fans, heating, and air-conditioning systems to avoid drawing in contaminated air from the outside.
- Close the fireplace damper.
- Get your emergency kit and make sure the radio is working and your cell phone is fully charged.
- Go to an interior room above ground level (without windows if possible). In the case of a chemical threat, above-ground locations are better because some chemicals are heavier than air and may seep into basements even if windows are closed. Use duct tape or other wide tape to seal all cracks around the door and any vents into the room. You can also use damp clothes or cloth as a seal, if required.
- Continue to monitor your radio or television for confirmation that you are safe or are advised to evacuate.

Evacuation orders

You will not be asked to leave your home unless authorities believe you are in danger. If you are ordered to evacuate, take your:

- [Emergency kit](#)
- [Emergency plan](#)
- Essential medications and copies of prescriptions
- Cell phone and charger

Pets

Some emergency reception areas do not allow pets. Plan for a pet-friendly location, and bring your pet carrier.

Protect your home

Listen to officials if they request you shut off water and electricity or whether to leave natural gas services on. Be sure to lock your home when you leave.

If you have time

- Call or email your out-of-town contact. Tell them where you are going and when you expect to arrive. Once safe, let them know. Tell them if any family members have become separated.
- Leave a note in your mailbox that says when you left and where you are going.
- If appropriate and available, consider registering with the evacuee registry. This will make it easier for you to obtain critical information and services when they are available.

Stay informed:

- Monitor alerts on [Alberta Emergency Alert](#)
- Listen to the radio, television or monitor social media for information and instructions.

Be prepared: www.alberta.ca/emergency-preparedness.aspx