



Are You Prepared for an Earthquake?

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VICTORIA, BC – A cluster of earthquakes off the coast of northern Vancouver Island last month is a reminder that an earthquake can occur at any time without warning.

Do you know what steps to take to make your home more earthquake resistant? Do you know how to protect your family in the event of a major disaster? Is your home stocked with the necessary supplies to last seven days before outside assistance arrives? If not, the *Individual and Family Emergency Preparedness Workshop*, hosted by the Victoria Emergency Management Agency, is for you.

What: WORKSHOP – Individual and Family Emergency Preparedness
When: Monday, September 22, 2008, from 6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
Where: Burnside-Gorge Community Centre, 471 Cecelia Road

You'll learn to prepare a family reunification plan, the importance of having pre-determined meeting places, and that an out-of-province contact number may be the only way to connect with family members when local phone lines are down. You'll also learn how to put together emergency supply kits that won't break the bank, tips to store drinking water, and receive a 60-page *All Hazards Emergency Preparedness* booklet for use at home or work.

To register for this free workshop, call 250.920.3373 or contact vema@victoria.ca

For a complete list of *Individual and Family Emergency Preparedness Workshop* dates and locations this fall, visit: www.victoria.ca and click on *what's new?*

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