



## Attend a Free Emergency Preparedness Workshop

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VICTORIA, BC — The recent late-night earthquake near Victoria is a reminder that an earthquake can happen at any time. Victoria has a one in three probability of experiencing a damaging earthquake in the next 50 years, and your family needs to be prepared with enough food, water, medication and supplies to cope up to seven days without outside assistance.

Make emergency preparedness your family's New Year resolution. Register to attend a free workshop to learn about the hazards that can affect Victoria, what to include in your home emergency kit, what you can do to minimize injury and protect your home from an earthquake, and how to reunite with loved ones after a disaster. An emergency kit will also come in handy in the event of a power outage or winter storm.

### Free Emergency Preparedness Workshops will be held on:

Wednesday, January 13	10 a.m. - Noon	Victoria City Hall, Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue
Tuesday, January 19	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Cook Street Village Activity Centre, 380 Cook Street
Wednesday, February 17	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	James Bay New Horizons, 234 Menzies Street
Wednesday, February 24	10 a.m. - Noon	Victoria City Hall, Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue
Monday, March 21	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Victoria City Hall, Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue
Wednesday, March 23	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Oaklands Community Centre, 2827 Belmont Avenue
Tuesday, April 5	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fairfield Community Association, 1335 Thurlow Road (portable)
Tuesday, April 19	10 a.m. - Noon	Victoria City Hall, Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue
Tuesday, May 10	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Burnside Gorge Community Centre, 471 Cecelia Road
Wednesday, May 11	10 a.m. - Noon	Greater Victoria Public Library, 735 Broughton Street
Monday, September 19	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Victoria City Hall, Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue
Thursday, September 22	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Victoria West Community Centre, 521 Craigflower Road

Tuesday, October 18	10 a.m. - Noon	Victoria City Hall, Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue
Thursday, October 20	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Cook Street Village Activity Centre, 380 Cook Street
Tuesday, November 15	1 p.m. - 3 p.m.	Victoria City Hall, Douglas Street and Pandora Avenue
Wednesday, November 23	7 p.m. - 9 p.m.	James Bay New Horizons, 234 Menzies Street

To register for a free Emergency Preparedness Workshop, email [vema@victoria.ca](mailto:vema@victoria.ca) or call 250.920.3373.

- For information on what to include in your family, pet or business emergency kits, check out the Recipe for Disaster series at [www.PrepareVictoria.ca](http://www.PrepareVictoria.ca).
- On social media, follow @PreparedBC for helpful emergency preparedness tips and “Like” the Victoria Emergency Management Agency on Facebook.
- During an emergency follow @EmergencyInfoBC for alerts and updates.
- Only call 911 for life safety issues.

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Please consider this announcement for your community calendar or events listings.

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