

KNOW THE RISKS

Canadians have faced many emergency situations in the past, from floods to ice storms to power outages. Understanding the risks in your community will help you be ready.

According to recent polling by the Red Cross, two thirds of Canadians say they have not taken steps to prepare in the event of a disaster, such as an earthquake or flooding. Most often they say it's because they think it is unlikely to happen or they haven't thought about it. This is despite the fact that **nearly half of Canadians have personally experienced at least two different types of emergencies.**



As a family, discuss what types of natural and technological disasters are most likely to happen in your community.

Although the consequences of various disasters can be similar, knowing the risks in your area can help you better prepare. Across Canada, we face a number of hazards, such as earthquakes in British Columbia, hurricanes in New Brunswick and tornadoes in Ontario. Some of the risks may be relevant to your community. Please note this list is not exhaustive and other disasters may occur in your area, such as landslides, tsunamis and industrial or transportation accidents.

How to Identify Risks

- Call your local municipality and ask what types of risks are common in your area.
- Explore the Public Safety Canada Disaster Database online to find historical information on disasters in your area.

Common Emergencies

Use the following list to identify which emergency may apply to your area.

- House fires
- Power outages
- Earthquakes
- Floods
- Forest fires
- Hurricanes
- Thunderstorms
- Tornadoes
- Winter storms/Extreme cold
- Extreme heat
- Other _____