

FUN FACTS

EARTHQUAKES :

Earthquakes are common in B.C. and more than 2,000 are recorded each year across the province.

To protect yourself during an earthquake

DROP, COVER, HOLD



FLOODS:

Moving water has awesome destructive power. Bridges, houses, trees, and cars can be picked up and carried off.

Flash flooding, in which warning time is extremely limited – can be caused by hurricanes, violent storms or dams breaking



TSUNAMI:

Tsunamis are a set or “train” of waves. They travel outward in all directions at speeds up to 1,000 kilometers/hour



AVALANCHE:

Thousands of avalanches occur every winter in the mountains and are usually triggered by people



WILDFIRES:

In order for fire to burn, three elements must be present.

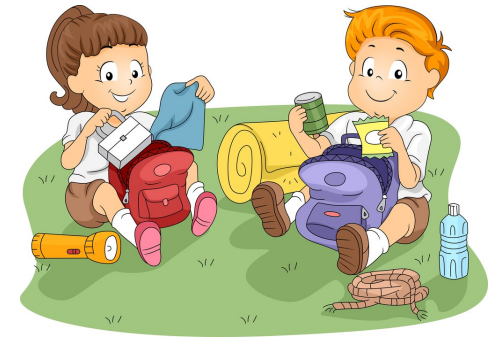
Oxygen, fuel and heat combine to make what is called the "Fire Triangle".



BE SMART

Use your planning skills to help prepare a plan, so that you can be ready for any emergency! Read up on hazards in your area, think about how you would respond.

BE READY



Prepare an emergency kit! Think water, food, flashlight, blankets etc. Check out www.nsemo.org for Emergency Kit Supplies and discuss with your parents how they might prepare the kit.

BE PREPARED TO SURVIVE FOR AT-LEAST 72 HOURS

If you have to evacuate, remember your pets!

Remember to take your pets if you have to evacuate. Check out our Pets section for information on pet emergency kits.



The Provincial Emergency Program operates a 24-hour emergency coordination centre. In a typical year, more than **7,000 all-hazard incidents** are reported and the centre receives more than 260,000 calls.