



## Have a kit, have a plan

### Emergency plan:

Disasters can strike without warning and cause a great deal of confusion. An emergency plan takes the guesswork out of how you'll respond and ensures everyone in your family is following the same steps. Your plan should include:

- » How you'll communicate. List contact information for all family members. If possible, include an out-of-province contact since it might be easier to reach someone who's out of town.
- » Where you'll reunite. Identify a meeting place in case family members are separated. Practice how you'll get there from school, friends' houses and after school activities.

Be sure to review and practice your plan regularly. Just in case, keep a copy in your family emergency kit, grab-and-go bags, as well as your school backpack.

For more information on communicating during disasters, visit [PreparedBC > Communicating During Disasters](#).

For more on emergency planning, and what else you can include, read and complete the PreparedBC: Household Emergency Plan. All you have to do is fill in the blanks!

### Meeting place:

There's a good chance families will be separated during a disaster. Parents and caregivers may be at work and kids at school. Sit down with your family in advance and determine the best locations to reunite.

The general rule of thumb is to pick one meeting spot in or near your neighbourhood (like a playground or trusted friend's house) and one outside your neighbourhood in case you're unable to return home (like a library or community centre). Draw a map of the best routes and practice how you'll get there.

If the pre-determined meeting spot is your school (during school hours), make sure you know who'll be coming for you if your parents or caregivers are delayed. School administrators should also have a list of your emergency pick-ups and their contact info.