



Know the risks



Severe weather:

There are many types of severe weather phenomena – thunderstorms, hail, blizzards, ice storms, hurricanes, storm surges, tornadoes and heavy rain, to name a few. These events develop quickly and can pose serious risk to life and property. Did you know the lowest recorded temperature in B.C. was on Friday, January 31, 1947 in Smith River at a chilling -58.9°C !?

With severe weather often comes a loss of power, so be prepared for that possibility! The storm that hit the Lower Mainland at the end of August 2015 left hundreds of thousands of people without power for days. BC Hydro said that it was "the single largest outage event" in the company's history. As you can see, it's extremely important that you prepare in advance by developing a household plan and putting together an emergency kit.

WARNING SIGNS: Meteorologists with Environment Canada monitor the weather and may issue a public weather alert if an extreme weather event – such as high winds or heavy rain – is expected. Pay attention to these notices and be sure to take appropriate actions, such as staying inside.

For more information on preparing for severe weather, visit [Know the Risks > Severe Weather on PreparedBC](#).