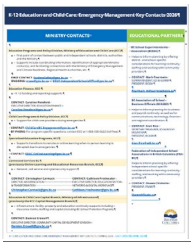
K-12 Education and Child Care: Emergency Management Resource Package 2026

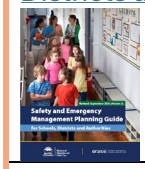
PURPOSE: This document was created by the Ministry of Education and Child Care as a resource to support the K-12 education and child care sectors with emergency management mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

INTENDED AUDIENCES: District and school administrators, independent school administrators, and child care operators.

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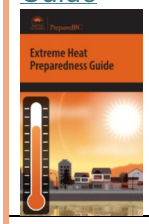
Key Contacts	
K-12 Education and Child Care Emergency Management Key Contacts 2026 	Find key ministry and educational partner contacts to support emergency management for the K-12 and child care sectors.
Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR)	Connect with your EMCR regional office to get updated information and supports related to emergencies in your area.

Emergency Management Resources	
Safety and Emergency Management Guide for Schools, Districts and Authorities 	**Guide:** To support schools, districts and authorities in emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery processes.
Safety and Emergency Management Planning for Schools, Districts and Authorities	**Website:** Information, resources and templates to help with emergency management planning.
ClimateReadyBC	**Website:** Understand disaster and climate risks and find funding and supports to make communities more resilient.
EmergencyInfoBC	**Website:** Find current and official information during emergencies.
Emergency Management and Climate Readiness – Emergency Ready Planner	**Website:** An online tool to help families create a personalized emergency ready plan.
EmergencyMapBC	**Website:** An online map of emergency locations, Tsunami Notification Zones, Emergency Support Services (ESS) Reception Centre Locations, and Heat and Cold Public Spaces/Emergency Centres.

Emergency Preparedness Education	
FireSmart BC Education Program	**Resource:** A free teaching resource introducing students in grades K-12 to FireSmart concepts, including how to make homes and communities more resilient to wildfire.
Master of Disaster – Youth Emergency Preparedness	**Program:** A free classroom program designed for students in Grades 4-8 to learn about emergency preparedness including floods, wildfires, earthquakes, and tsunamis. This program is available in both English and French.
PreparedBC	**Website:** Emergency preparation and recovery resources and information for the public. Topics include knowing the hazards, preparing supplies, and finding guides and resources.

Financial and Support Resources	
$10 a Day ChildCareBC	**Program**: Financial continuity for participating $10 a Day ChildCareBC providers by continuing operational funding for up to 14 days during emergency closures, with potential extensions during emergency closures. For more information or to report an emergency closure, call the Ministry at 1-888-338-6622 (option 7).
Capital Programs for K-12	**Program:** For school districts to request funding to support emergency preparedness initiatives through the Ministry of Infrastructure's School Enhancement Program or Carbon Neutral Capital Program. The Annual Facility Grant may be used towards elements that support climate change mitigation.
ChildCareBC Maintenance Fund	**Funding:** Information for licensed child care facilities in emergency circumstances, including wildfires and floods, which may be eligible for assistance through the Ministry of Infrastructure's ChildCareBC Maintenance Fund.
Child Care Operating Funding	**Funding:** Can support financial stability during emergencies by continuing to provide child care base funding when a facility is temporarily closed due to an emergency. Additional supports, such as Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative funding and Early Childhood Educator Wage Enhancement funding may also be available. To report an emergency closure and request funding, please email CCOF@gov.bc.ca. Include the facility name, facility ID (Ex: F/G-XXXXX- XXXXX), closure date, (expected) reopen date, reasons for closure, and the type of funding being requested.
Disaster Recovery Information for the Public	**Website:** Resources for families to support them in recovering after an emergency. Resources include financial supports, health resources, disaster recovery resources, and other information.
Emergency Support Services	**Website:** If you have been evacuated, you may get basic supports like accommodation, food, clothing and other temporary supports. Create a profile for Emergency Support Services with the Evacuee Registration and Assistance (ERA) tool.

Heat Events and Drought	
BC Centre for Disease Control – Preparing for Heat Events	**Website:** Provides information for the public to understand and identify heat alerts and emergencies, who is at higher risk, how to prepare before extreme heat, and taking care during heat events.
BC Government - Drought Preparation and Response	**Website:** To help the public understand and prepare for drought, find updates on drought conditions, and access resources.

BC Provincial Heat Alert and Response System (BC HARS) 	**Document:** Provides information about the BC Provincial Heat Alert and Response System (BC HARS). This system lays out the criteria that will be used to issue a Heat Warning or an Extreme Heat Emergency alert, the appropriate public health messaging for both types of alerts, and the recommended actions for health sector and other partners.
Extreme Heat Preparedness Guide 	**Guide:** Information for the public to help prepare for extreme heat events. • French • Simplified Chinese • Traditional Chinese • Punjabi
Extreme Heat: Schools and Childcare Facilities	**Factsheet:** Created by Vancouver Coastal Health to support schools and child care centres to prepare for and respond to extreme heat situations.
Public Safety and Emergency Services BC - Be prepared for extreme heat and drought	**Website:** Information and resources for the public to understand, prepare for and respond to extreme heat and drought.
Safe and Healthy Schools BC	**Website:** See the 'Preparing for Heat Events' tab for actions schools can take to plan for heat events to support the safety and comfort of students and staff.

Wildfire	
BC Wildfire Service App	**App:** Provides up-to-date wildfire information keeping you informed about wildfires and wildfire-related events and conditions across BC. Available through: • App Store • Google Play
FireSmart BC	**Program:** Aims to support the public with wildfire preparedness, prevention and mitigation and provides steps to make properties 'FireSmart'.

First Nations Health Authority Wildfire Response	**Website:** Information to support First Nations, communities and individuals with wildfire response, evacuation, and recovery.
Kids Help Phone - Mental Health and Wellness Support for Those Affected by Wildfires 	**Pamphlet:** Information on accessing free, 24/7 confidential mental health and wellness support for youth and adults affected by wildfires.
Wildfire Preparedness Guide 	**Guide:** Information to support the public in wildfire preparedness, response and recovery. • French • Simplified Chinese • Traditional Chinese • Punjabi

Other Hazard and Circumstance-Specific Guides	
Earthquake and Tsunami Preparedness Guide 	**Guide:** Information for the public on what to do before, during and after an earthquake or tsunami. • French • Simplified Chinese • Traditional Chinese • Punjabi
Education Sector Integrated Response Plan for Catastrophic Earthquake 	**Guide:** To support schools, districts and authorities in communicating and coordinating between local and provincial emergency management responders.

Flood Preparedness Guide 	**Guide:** Information for the public to support in flood preparedness, response and recovery. • French • Simplified Chinese • Traditional Chinese • Punjabi
Resources for People with Disabilities Guide 	**Guide:** Information for the public to support emergency preparedness efforts for people with disabilities.
Winter Weather and Storm Preparedness Guide 	**Guide**: Information for the public to help prepare for severe winter weather and storms. • French • Simplified Chinese • Traditional Chinese • Punjabi

Mental Health and Well-being	
erase - Mental Health Resources	**Website:** Mental health and substance use information and resources for students, adults, and school staff.
Child & Youth Mental Health	**Website:** Information about the Ministry of Children and Family Development's Child and Youth Mental Health (CYMH) teams, which provide voluntary, community-based mental health services for children, youth and families.
Climate Anxiety: An Introduction for Teachers	**Website:** Advice and guidance for educators about how to approach the climate crisis conversation and associated anxiety in the classroom.

Help Starts Here HelpStartsHere	**Website:** Through the Ministry of Health, provides information about over 2,600 resources for all British Columbians in need of mental health or substance use support.
National Child Traumatic Stress Institute: Disasters	**Website:** Resources for staff, families and children experiencing disruptions or anxiety related to natural disasters.
Virtual Mental Health Supports BRITISH COLUMBIA	**Website:** Information about virtual services available for British Columbians experiencing anxiety, depression, or with other mental health needs.

Child Care Resources	
BC Aboriginal Child Care Society Child Care Resources and Referral program	**Aboriginal Child Care Resource and Referral (ACCRR):** Supports child care programs, educators, and families with information, outreach, and resources that can be critical before, during, and after emergencies. Operated by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) in partnership with Indigenous and non-Indigenous educators, Indigenous families and communities.
ChildCareBC Map	**Online Tool:** To help families identify available child care providers in their area, which is especially helpful for accessing temporary or alternate care during emergencies.
ChildCareBC Website	**Website:** Centralized access point to all ChildCareBC services and information including bulletins, ECE Registry, and plans. If you have program specific questions, you can reach the ministry at 1-888-338-6622 (toll free), using the below options: • Option 1 – Affordable Child Care Benefit • Option 2 – Child Care Operating Funding (Base Funding, Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative, ECE Wage Enhancement) • Option 3 – Early Childhood Educator Registry • Option 4 – Child Care Resource and Referral • Option 5 – Child Care Capital Funding (New Spaces Fund, Maintenance Fund, Start-Up Grants) • Option 7 – $10 a Day ChildCareBC Centres

Child Care Resource and Referral Centres	**Child Care Resource and Referral (CCRR) Centres:** Information, support, resources and referral services to support families, child care providers, and the child care workforce before, during, and after emergency events. Services are available for francophone families, child care providers, and child care workforce through the Fédération des parents francophones de Colombie-Britannique.
Health Authority Resources	**Websites:** Child care providers can access region-specific guidance, advisories, and preparedness tools from their local health authority to help manage and respond to emergencies. • Fraser Health • Interior Health • Island Health • Northern Health • Vancouver Coastal Health